PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-FIRST
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

HELD IN GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
WEST POINT, NEB., OCTOBER 8-12, 1913

REV. L. J. POWELL, Pastor

Also the MINUTES of the THIRTY-THIRD
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD
OF NEBRASKA

HELD IN GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
WEST POINT, NEB., OCTOBER 7-10, 1913

Synodical Calendar, 1913-1914

OFFICERS.

President—Rev. L. J. POWELL, West Point, Neb.
Secretary—Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS, Ponca, Neb.
Treasurer—Mr. JOS. H. MILLER, M. D., Surprise, Neb.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. GEO. W. LIVERS, Allen, Neb.
Historian—Rev. R. A. WHITE, Wolbach, Neb.
Synodical Missionary—Rev. WM. T. KAHSE, Stamford, Neb.

MIDLAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

Rev. J. A. LOWE, 1914, Dr. JOS. H. MILLER, 1914,
Rev. GEO. W. LIVERS, 1915, W. H. HOGREFE, 1915,
Rev. C. B. HARMAN, 1916, M. O. PLOWMAN, 1916,

DIRECTORS OF NACHUSA ORPHANAGE.

Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, D. D., 1915, Rev. CLARENCE N. SWIHART, 1914,

TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME.

Rev. ROY M. BADGER, 1914, Mr. J. H. HUMPE, 1914,

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Rev. L. J. POWELL, *President*, Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS, *Secretary*,
Rev. C. J. RINGER, 1914, Rev. L. GROH, D. D., 1915,
PAUL W. KUHNS, 1916,

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. GROH, D. D., *Dogmatics and Hebrew.*
Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D., *Pastoral Theology.*
Rev. E. LEE FLECK, *Church History.*
Rev. J. A. LOWE, *Greek Exegesis.*
Rev. C. B. HARMAN, *Homiletics.*

ADVISORY BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. L. J. POWELL, *President*, Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS, *Secretary*,
Rev. C. B. HARMAN, Rev. C. N. SWIHART,
Rev. S. H. YERIAN, Ph. D.,

COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLING SECRETARY.

Rev. L. J. POWELL, *President*, R. B. WELLER, 1915,
R. L. YOUNG, 1914, J. F. WILHELMY, 1915,
J. F. SMITH, 1914, Rev. S. H. YERIAN, 1915,
WM. EBRIGHT, 1914, Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, 1916,
A. L. KRAUSE, 1916,

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

L. L. LIPE, Rev. M. D. BERG, Rev. R. M. BADGER,
Rev. M. E. BOLLINGER, Dr. JOS. H. MILLER,

COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

H. A. WOLFE, Rev. C. R. LOWE, Dr. JOS. H. MILLER,

COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

. SMITH, Omaha, M. L. WARNER, York,
C. O. WEINGAND, North Platte,

MITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

C. E. SPARKS, Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS,
H. C. BIXLER, Rev. M. D. BERG,

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D., Rev. C. J. RINGER,
Rev. J. H. RICHARD,

COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE AND COUNSEL.

. L. M. KUHNS, Rev. C. B. HARMAN,
Rev. C. E. SPARKS.

SPEAKERS FOR 1914.

otional Services for Entire Session of Synod, Rev. J. M. CROMER, D. D., *Chaplain.*

Wednesday Night—Synodical Sermon:

Principal. *Alternate.*
Rev. L. J. POWELL, *President*, Rev. CHAS. H. LEWIS, *Secretary*,

Thursday Night—Adult Catechisation:

Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D., Rev. S. H. YERIAN, Ph. D.,

Friday Night—Distinguishing Marks of the Lutheran Church:

Rev. L. GROH, D. D., Rev. C. B. HARMAN,

Saturday Afternoon—Preparatory Service:

Rev. J. H. RICHARD, Rev. J. H. UTESCH,

Sunday Morning—Communion:

Rev. C. N. SWIHART, Rev. C. E. SPARKS,

Sunday Night—Ordination:

Rev. L. L. LIPE, Rev. W. T. KAHSE,

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—Oct. 7-11, 1914. *Place*—Allen, Neb.

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HELD IN THE GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, WEST POINT, NEBRASKA, OCTOBER 8-12, 1913.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Forty-first Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in the Grace Lutheran Church at West Point, Nebraska, October 8-12, Rev. L. J. Powell, pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 8 P. M.

The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President of Synod, Rev. C. J. Ringer, of Benson. Text—Isaiah, 52:1; theme, "The Strength of the Church."

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 9 A. M.

Rev. W. T. Kahse conducted the opening devotional services of Synod, after which Synod was regularly opened according to the form prescribed by the General Synod. President Ringer then declared the Forty-first Annual Convention to be ready for business.

The Roll was called, after which the credentials of the lay delegates were received.

Synodical Roll.

Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
W. F. Eyster, D. D. a e	1841	Crete, Neb.	
J. F. Kuhlman a e	1858	Goodland, Kans.	
L. Groh, D. D.	1863	Omaha	R. B. Weller
J. L. Hammond a e	1870	Springfield, Ill.	
L. L. Lipe	1871	Grand Island	Geo. Leiser
G. W. Snyder	1872	Omaha	Otto Bahnke
J. H. Stough, Ph. D. a	1872	Chadron	
D. Z. Fonk a e	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
I. N. Augustine a e	1874	Grand Island	
S. M. Cromer, D. D.	1875	Auburn	C. E. Blessing
J. A. Koser	1874	Nebraska City	
J. A. Lowe a e	1876	Florence	
L. P. Ludden, D. D.	1878	Lincoln	
A. T. Ludwig a e	1879	Jameson, Mo.	
Henry Heiner a	1879	Texas	
W. G. Gettle a e	1880	Table Rock	
L. M. Kahns	1885	Omaha	
R. A. White	1886	Wolbach	Fred J. C. Voss
E. Lee Fleck	1886	Lincoln	David Reitz
S. L. Keller	1887	Dakota	F. P. Culbertson
H. C. Bixler	1892	Bruning	Robt. Hofrichter
M. E. Bellinger	1893	Davenport	D. A. Berkey a
C. J. Rieger	1894	Benson	L. D. Thoelecke a
H. A. Wolfe	1894	Stella	W. H. Hogrefe
O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D.	1895	Omaha	J. F. Bloom
M. D. Berg	1896	McCool Junc.	Aug. Dreier a
B. F. Kistler a	1896	Benson	
G. W. Livers	1899	Allen	H. C. Heckt
S. H. Yerian, Ph. D.	1900	South Omaha	Herman Thielke
C. B. Harman	1900	North Platte	C. O. Weingand
J. H. Richard	1900	Hardy	J. R. Weimar
E. Pfeiffer	1900	Lincoln	
Roy M. Badger	1902	Beatrice	
Clarence N. Swihart	1902	Omaha	G. Hanson
C. E. Sparks	1903	York	M. L. Warner
W. T. Mahse	1903	Stamford	
Chas. H. B. Lewis	1904	Ponca	
L. J. Powell	1904	West Point	Stephen Person
Frank S. Delo	1904	Paxton	
Gustav Klatt a	1905	Stamford	
J. H. Utech	1906	Sidney	Aug. Granneman
Chas. R. Lowe	1906	Benedict	Fred Liebtke
H. C. Stafford	1909	Rising City	A. S. Glock
John Sorensen	1911	South Sioux	L. A. Dierking
Floyd Blessing	1912	Wayne	C. Swanson
Paul A. J. Buelow	1913	Tekamah	G. A. Crannel

(a) Absent. (e) Excused.

The President then read his Annual Report, which was received and referred to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fathers and Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

We have again reached another milestone in the forward movement of God's Kingdom. It is well therefore that we as His servants pause for a little while, and take an inventory of the work done, to take a retrospective as well as a prospective view of the great work with which we are associated.

We are assembled in this, the forty-first annual convention, for the purpose of deliberating upon the work done in the past year, as well as to plan for the future. As we are thus deliberating and planning for greater efficiency in the Master's Kingdom, may the Allwise God so direct us that all may redound to His glory.

I herewith submit a brief statement of my official acts for your consideration and approval.

ACCESSIONS.

Nov. 4, 1912—Rev. Paul A. J. Buelow, from the Central Illinois Synod.

Jan. 26, 1913—Rev. C. N. Swihart, from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

April 15, 1913—Rev. John H. Utesch, from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

April 25, 1913—Rev. Chas. R. Lowe, from the Iowa Synod.

July 29, 1913—Rev. J. M. Cromer, D. D., from the Kansas Synod.

Oct. 8, 1913—Rev. Frank S. Delo, from the Central Illinois Synod.

DISMISSALS.

Feb. 26, 1913—Rev. J. H. Albrecht, to the Iowa Synod.

May 2, 1913—Rev. S. W. Young, to the California Synod.

July 24, 1913—Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, to the East Pennsylvania Synod.

RESIGNATIONS.

Nov. 10, 1912—Rev. S. W. Young closed his work at Davenport as supply pastor.

Nov. 17, 1912—Rev. J. H. Richard notified me that he had resigned as pastor at McCool Junction, to take effect Dec. 31, 1912.

Nov. 24, 1912—Rev. M. E. Bollinger closed his work as pastor at Sutherland and Paxton.

Feb. 9, 1913—Rev. Geo. W. Livers relinquished his work as pastor at Benedict.

April 1, 1913—Rev. R. A. White closed his work at York.

April 1, 1913—Rev. M. D. Berg severed his pastoral relations with Sidney.

May 1, 1913—Rev. C. E. Sparks completed his work at Auburn.

June 1, 1913—Rev. J. A. Lowe terminated his work at Wilber.

July 18, 1913—I received notice that Rev. Fuller Bergstresser had resigned as pastor of Grace Church, Lincoln, to take effect Aug. 1.

July 18, 1913—Rev. Oscar Woods resigned the Oshkosh and Lewellen pastorate, to take effect Sept. 1, 1913.

Aug. 1, 1913—Rev. J. A. Koser closed his work at Nebraska City.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. M. E. Bollinger accepted a call to Davenport and began work December 1, 1912.

Rev. J. H. Richard was called to the Hardy pastorate and began service January 1, 1913.

Rev. G. W. Livers received a call to Allen, and took charge Feb. 15, 1913.

Rev. Clarence N. Swihart was called to become pastor of Grace Church, Omaha, and began his labors Nov. 10, 1912.

Rev. M. D. Berg accepted a call from McCool Junction and began his work there April 1, 1913.

Rev. John H. Utesch was called to Sidney and commenced his labors May 5, 1913.

Rev. Chas. R. Lowe accepted the call to the Benedict pastorate to begin March 1, 1913.

Rev. R. A. White was called to the Wolbach-Ericson pastorate and took charge of this field May 1, 1913.

Rev. J. M. Cromer, D. D., received and accepted the call from the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Auburn and began work on July 1, 1913.

Rev. C. E. Sparks received a call and began his labors as pastor at York on May 1, 1913.

INSTALLATIONS.

Jan. 5, 1913, Rev. C. N. Swihart was installed as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha. The charge to the congregation was given by Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D. Rev. L. M. Kuhns gave the address to the people and officiated at the installation.

March 2, 1913, Rev. Geo. W. Livers was installed as pastor of our church at Allen. Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., gave the address to the

congregation and Rev. C. H. Lewis gave the charge to the pastor and conducted the installation service.

April 17, 1913, Rev. M. D. Berg was installed as pastor of the church at McCool Junction. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, and the address to the congregation by Rev. J. H. Richard. The service of installation was conducted by Rev. C. E. Sparks.

May 28, 1913, Rev. J. H. Utesch was installed as the pastor of the church at Sidney. Rev. M. D. Berg of McCool Junction, gave the address to both the pastor and people and conducted the installation service.

July 13, 1913, Rev. R. A. White was installed as pastor of the Wolbach pastorate by Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., who delivered the address to both pastor and people.

Sept. 14, 1913, Rev. J. M. Cromer, D. D., was installed as the pastor of St. Paul's Church, Auburn. Rev. L. P. Ludden officiated and gave the charge to the pastor and the people.

SUPPLIES.

Mr. Martin Mortensen, of the Western Theological Seminary, supplied Potter very acceptably for three months during the summer vacation.

Mr. C. S. Powell, of the Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, supplied Sutherland and Paxton for three months during the summer with good results.

APPOINTMENTS.

In accordance with the action of Synod, your President appointed the following members on the Committee on the State of the Church: Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., Rev. G. W. Livers, and Rev. C. E. Sparks.

Rev. L. J. Powell, on April 30th, was appointed as a member of the Advisory Board of Home Missions in place of Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, resigned.

Rev. R. M. Badger, on July 9, 1913, was appointed as Trustee of Tabitha Home to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, resigned.

Rev. J. H. Richard was appointed as Chaplain to fill the vacancy caused by Rev. Fuller Bergstresser leaving the bounds of the Synod.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

The corner stone for the new Lutheran Church at Allen was laid Oct. 20, 1912, with appropriate ceremonies. Rev. C. H. Lewis, of Ponca, had charge of the service.

The corner stone for the new Lutheran Church at West Point was laid June 29, 1913. Rev. L. P. Ludden assisted the pastor and gave the address.

DEDICATION.

The new Lutheran Church at Allen, Neb., Rev. G. W. Livers, pastor, was dedicated to the service of God on March 2, 1913. Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., the Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, preached the dedicatory sermon and had charge of the finances of the day. In the afternoon, Rev. C. H. Lewis, of Ponca, gave a historical account of the congregation.

The building is a brick veneer, stands on a corner lot 150 feet square, and is 40 x 60 in size, with a pastor's study and choir loft in addition. The main auditorium has a bowled floor and is furnished with circular solid oak pews. The Sunday School room opens into the main room, Wilson rolling partitions being used. The basement is cemented and is to be equipped for Sunday School and social purposes. A 1,200-pound bell is in the tower. The building is lighted with electricity and heated by two large hot air furnaces.

The cost of the building was $8,000, and of this sum $2,500 was needed on the day of dedication to clear the indebtedness. Though the roads were blocked with snow drifts the day before, which prevented some of the country people from being present, $2,250 was raised in cash and subscriptions.

Much credit is due to Rev. C. H. Lewis, who began service at this place June 23, 1912, and continued to serve them until the arrival of the present pastor on Feb. 15, 1913.

CHURCH PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Allen, Neb.—This congregation, at the age of eight months, had not only dedicated a new $8,000 church, but as soon as they called a pastor they bought a parsonage costing $1,500, which was ready for occupancy on the arrival of the pastor in February, in which he is now housed.

Nebraska City.—This congregation, during the early summer months, remodeled and repaired their old church so as to make it equivalent to a new edifice. The building was raised, and a full basement was made with cement floor and all the modern conveniences and equipments of a modern church. The audience room was entirely renovated and refinished with oak; the walls were covered with canvas and beautifully painted and stenciled; together with new gothic windows with art glass of appropriate design, all but one of which are memorials. The floor was covered with linoleum to correspond with the coloring of the walls. New

pews, pulpit, altar, altar rail and chairs were secured. A new heating plant and electric light system were installed. The exterior was covered with stucco, the exterior and interior thus having a most beautiful and tasteful appearance; all at a cost of about $4,000.

Bruning.—During the year this congregation improved their property by the erection of a tower and a Sunday School room; by the securing of a bell and placing in the tower, and by the painting of the interior and exterior, all at a cost of $810.

Auburn.—This church was repapered and repainted within, an electric light system installed, a new inclined floor laid, and a good two-manual pipe organ purchased from Mr. Möller, of Hagerstown, Md.

West Point.—This beautiful and commodious $20,000 church, now under course of erection, is near completion. The building is about 50 x 70, of brick, with a full basement and modern in every particular. The members of Synod can see it for themselves, and this body rejoices with pastor and people in their splendid achievement.

Homer, Paxton and Stamford.—(See report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.)

Beatrice.—This congregation has installed a two-manual Möller pipe organ at a cost of $1,500, which was dedicated Feb. 2, 1913. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Lowe.

Hardy.—This congregation, during the year, built a large, commodious brick veneer parsonage at a cost of $3,000.

CHURCH PROPERTY DESTROYED.

Yutan.—Our church at this point was destroyed on last Easter by that disastrous storm which destroyed a large portion of that prosperous town, in which a number of lives were lost.

While the building was completely crushed, it was done in such a way that the church furniture was not much damaged. Much of the material can again be used in the reconstruction of a smaller edifice. I visited the place soon after the storm to counsel with the members of the church relative to rebuilding and to plan for the future. I advised them to have the material taken apart and piled up, which was done, for which the Board of Church Extension paid the expense. The said Board is also ready to assist them in the reconstruction of the building. Inasmuch as this congregation is weak and few in number and without a pastor, though an excellent people, there seems to be a hesitancy to proceed in the rebuilding.

DIVISION OF PASTORATE.

Homer.—This congregation has petitioned this body, asking that

the Homer pastorate, which at present includes Homer, Hubbard and Sioux, be rearranged so as to have the first two named points constitute a separate pastorate. This petition is submitted for your consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On June 3, 1913, the Rev. L. Groh, D. D., pastor of the St. Mark's church, Omaha, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of entering ministry and a continuous and unbroken service for the same time. On Sunday, June 1, special services were held in the St. Mark's church. In the morning Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., of Topeka, Kans., preached an appropriate sermon on the theme, "Opportunities and Privileges of the Ministry." In the afternoon the services consisted of informal talks by Lutheran pastors of Omaha. In the evening the President of Synod preached on the theme, "True Service," and also presented the greetings of this Synod. In order that Synod may further participate in the celebration and rejoicing with Bro. Groh in the continuous service of fifty years, I have appointed a committee consisting of Rev. S. L. Keller, Rev. C. H. Lewis and Rev. G. W. Livers to bring the matter in proper form before this body.

At the meeting of Synod at Omaha, in 1911, a resolution was passed (see minutes of that year, page 35) providing that the committees designated as special committees in our constitution shall be appointed at the close of each session of Synod, so that the committees could have their reports ready for the opening of Synod. Compliance with this resolution would eliminate all of our lay delegates from committee work, which would be contrary to our spirit and method of legislation. I recommend that this resolution be rescinded.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for the honor bestowed upon me for the second time, and for the kindly co-operation of the brethren in the discharge of my duties. I herewith return to you the trust committed to my care one year ago.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Dr. Joseph H. Miller, and the report was referred to the Auditing Committee. (See also Treasurer's Exhibit, pp. 14 and 15.)

Treasurer's Report.

Members of the Nebraska Synod:

Herewith is submitted my annual report as your Treasurer for the closing year.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at last report	$ 940.90
Received for General Synod	115.16
Received for Synodical Treasury	453.03
Received for Synodical Missions	752.59
Received for Home Missions	1,166.22
Received for Foreign Missions	1,036.84
Received for Church Extension, regular	677.92
Received for Church Extension, Tornado & Flood	357.64
Received for Board of Education	728.78
Received for Ministerial Education	915.66
Received for Pastor's Fund	331.00
Received for Deaconess Board	305.50
Received for National Lutheran Home	163.77
Received for Tabitha Home	301.90
Received for Nachusa Orphans' Home	65.75
Received for Midland Library Endowment	201.76
Received for Midland Sustaining Fund	773.55
Received for Midland Debt	56.00
Received for Tressler Orphans' Home	5.15
Received from J. W. Poot, on Beneficiary notes, Ministerial Education	50.00
Total	$9,399.12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of General Synod		$ 124.66
Paid Treasurer of Home Missions		1,220.71
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions		1,108.29
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension:		
Regular	$ 725.03	
Tornado and Flood	357.64	1,082.67
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education		739.98
Paid Treasurer of Pastor's Fund		357.85
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board		316.50
Paid Treasurer of National Home		177.92
Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home		312.83
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Orphanage		65.75
Paid Treasurer of Midland Sustaining Fund		773.55
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education, special Midland debt		56.00
Paid Treasurer of Tressler Orphans' Home		5.15
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund:		
Martin Mortensen	$ 125.00	
Ralph Weismiller	125.00	

John Hersher	125.00	
Floyd Blessing	125.00	
James Mortensen	125.00	
W. W. Seng	5.00	$ 630.00
Paid from Synodical Mission Fund:		
C. J. Ringer	$ 175.00	
Fuller Bergstresser	3.70	
C. H. Lewis	5.93	
S. H. Yerian	1.50	
C. E. Sparks	1.95	
R. M. Badger	4.52	
L. L. Lipe	2.95	
C. B. Harman	5.05	$ 200.60
Paid from Synodical Treasury:		
C. H. Lewis, Secretary	$ 23.67	
Janitor, North Platte	5.00	
Lutheran Publication Society	256.11	
G. W. Livers	12.81	
Springer Printing Co.	16.60	
L. P. Ludden	15.30	
C. J. Ringer	7.80	
R. M. Badger	9.35	
Oscar Woods	1.32	
Jos. H. Miller	15.25	$ 363.21
Cash on hand		1,863.45
Total		$9,399.12
Cash on hand as follows:		
Synodical Treasury	$ 34.82	
Synodical Missions	1,189.87	
Ministerial Education	585.12	
Midland Library Endowment	53.64	

From the exhibit it will be seen that $9,399.12 was received during the year, which is $2,868.87 more than last year; that 22 churches have equalled or exceeded the apportionment, 29 have a deficit. There are two which paid an excess but still have a deficit on apportioned objects. These are 2 churches without any credits. The total deficits of the 29 churches on the apportioned objects is $1,626.47. Many churches greatly exceeded the apportionment and it is hoped that this will become the rule.

Your Treasurer placed the notes of J. W. Poot in the hands of a collector and realized therefrom $50.00 for the Synod.

He also attempted to get into correspondence with Fred White concerning his obligation to Synod, but was unable to get more than one letter from him, and no satisfaction. The face of his notes amounts to $850 and including interest to date would be over $1,200. What does Synod recommend in this matter?

There being no further need for funds for the Midland Library Endowment Fund, your Treasurer recommends that the account be closed, and the balance of $53.64 be transferred to the Synodical Mission Fund.

Since closing the books the following amounts have been received:

Omaha, St. Matthews	$ 30.99	
Omaha, Grace	111.00	
Omaha, St. Mark's	34.00	
Sioux	2.00	
A. T. Ludwig	2.00	
Wolbach	3.50	
Benedict, Zion	6.00	
Lincoln, St. John's	9.30	
Total	$ 198.79	
Total now on hand		$2,062.24

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER.

The Statistical Secretary then read his report (see Parochial table, pages 52 to 58).

The Historian's Report was then read and adopted, and on motion the bill of $2.10, expense incurred by him, was allowed and ordered paid.

Report of Historian.

The unwritten history mentioned for several years in these reports is still incomplete. The individuals assigned to this work are still long on promises and short on good works.

During this year I have undertaken the work required by the Constitution, namely, the making of a complete register of the members of Synod. I have put it in card index form, giving the name, then a number indicating the order of entering the Synod, the date of entering the ministry, when and how received into Synod, when and how leaving the Synod. The data is not quite complete owing to the carelessness of some of our Synodical presidents in

Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts for Year Ending October 1st, 1913.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Synodical Delegate to General Convention.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	Memorial Membership.	Life Members.	Girls School in Africa.	Girls School in India.	May Memorial.	Building E. V. Day School, Africa.	Silver Anniversary.	Maternity and Operating Block.	Totals.
Convention Offerings	$.....	$11 04	$....	$.....	$....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$....	$....	$....	$.....	$ 11 04
From Friends at Convention for Mrs. J. A. Lowe	.....	.....	....	.....	....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	10 00
Woman's Societies.														
Allen	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Beatrice	19 54	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	29 69
Benson	3 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 75
Dakota Emanuel	17 65	2 50	45	7 10	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	40	.....	.....	1 25	30 35
Davenport	1 20	7 90	.....	6 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 10
Lincoln	18 42	4 00	2 00	12 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 95
Nebraska City	2 80	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
North Platte	16 95	1 40	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 35
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Rising City	30 00	2 70	1 00	48 10	3 20	.....	.....	23 75	25 00	.....	.....	.....	6 75	140 50
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Treasurer's Exhibit of Receipts for Year Ending October 1st, 1913.—Continued.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Synodical Delegate to General Convention.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	Memorial Membership.	Life Members.	Girls School in Africa.	Girls School in India.	May Memorial.	Building E. V. Day School, Africa.	Silver Anniversary.	Maternity and Operating Block.	Totals.
Young People's Societies.														
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Omaha—P. V. Helpers Circle } Mission Bands.	1 00								25 00					26 00
Beatrice	3 60													3 60
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Omaha—Kountze Memorial	2 45			75										3 20
Rising City	9 00													9 00
South Omaha	6 25			3 10	1 00									10 35
South Auburn	3 50													3 50
Cradle Roll.														
Beatrice	3 00													3 00
Bruning Aid Society	4 00	2 00												6 00
Boys and Girls Bruning Sunday S.	2 00													2 00
Interest												1 00		1 00
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not giving complete data in their annual reports. This register has required a large amount of correspondence to get correct dates, etc. Just a very few items remain to be gathered and the register will be complete to the beginning of this Synodical year. I have not been able to carry the work down to date for the President of Synod has failed to furnish the data for this Synodical year.

I received from the Rev. M. L. Melick the three bound volumes of our Minutes of Synod, and from the Secretary, Rev. C. H. Lewis. copies of the printed minutes not included in the bound volumes. I have this day delivered to the Secretary this complete set of the printed minutes.

Recommendations: 1. That the Historian be authorized to secure, if possible, a complete set of the printed minutes of Synod and have the same bound for the use of the historical department. 2. That the Presidents of Synod be instructed to use great care in their annual reports to give exact dates in regard to receiving and dismissing members. 3. That the President of Synod promptly notify the historian of the name, date and how received of new members, the name, date and how dismissed of members, in order that the historian may meet the requirements of the Constitution.

The expense attendant on this work for this year is as follows: For card index box, $1.10; for index, 25c; for cards, 75c; a total of $2.10.

4. That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. LUDDEN, *Historian.*

Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., D. D., President of Midland College, was recognized in his official capacity, extended the privileges of the floor, and on motion the hearing of Dr. Peery was made a special order for 3 p. m. Thursday.

The bar of Synod was fixed at nine pews from the front.

The President then appointed as Tellers for the election, Rev. C. R. Lowe, Rev. C. N. Swihart and Mr. C. E. Blessing.

Rev. I. Mathiesen, of Hooper, was then presented and extended the privileges of the floor.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. L. J. Powell, West Point.

Secretary—Rev. Charles H. Lewis, Ponca.

Treasurer—Joseph H. Miller, M. D., Surprise.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. Geo. W. Livers, Allen.

Historian—Rev. R. A. White, Wolbach.

During the balloting, the Secretary read a paper sent by Rev. I. N. Augustine, Grand Island, which the Secretary was instructed to return to Bro. Augustine, expressing the thanks of Synod.

On motion, the hours for adjournment were fixed at 11:30 and 5 p. m., morning business session to begin at 9, with half-hour devotional service preceding, and the afternoon sessions to begin at 2 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. A. Wolfe.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened at 2 p. m. with a short devotional service, after which the Roll was called and minutes of the morning session read and approved.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., President of General Synod and Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension; Rev. John F. Seibert, Manager of the Chicago branch of the Lutheran Publication Society, and Rev. S. DeFreese, fraternal delegate of the German Nebraska Synod, were recognized in their official capacity and invited to a seat in the Synod, and Rev. K. Gerathewohl, of Scribner, was also extended the courtesies of the floor.

On motion, Rev. F. P. Wigton, D. D., Executive Secretary of the Nebraska Church Federation, was recognized in his official capacity.

Rev. DeFreese, the fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod, then addressed Synod.

On motion, Rev. Wigton was then given the privilege of presenting his work to the attention of Synod.

On motion, the hearing of Dr. Yarger in the interests of the Board of Church Extension was made a special order for Friday morning, immediately after the opening of Synod.

The hearing of Rev. Seibert for the Publication Society was made a special order after Dr. Yarger.

The President then announced the schedule of committees, as follows:

President's Report—C. B. Harman, M. E. Bollinger, J. M. Cromer, Paul A. J. Buelow, Roy M. Badger.

Auditing—C. E. Sparks, C. E. Blessing, J. F. Bloom.

Apportionment—J. H. Richard, C. N. Swihart, H. C. Bixler, H. C. Heckt.

Letters and Papers—L. L. Lipe, L. Groh, Charles R. Lowe.

Calendar—C. J. Ringer, J. H. Utesch, C. B. Harman, J. A. Koser.

Resolutions—O. D. Baltzly, S. L. Keller, H. C. Stafford, J. M. Cromer, L. M. Kuhns.

Claims—Joseph H. Miller, M. L. Warner, Herman Thielke.

Excuses—G. W. Snyder, Gustav Klatt, John Sorensen.

Leave of Absence—R. A. White, H. A. Wolfe, G. A. Crannel.

Protocol—E. Lee Fleck, Floyd Blessing, G. W. Livers.

Vacancies—S. H. Yerian, M. D. Berg, W. T. Kahse.

North Platte Conference—E. Lee Fleck, C. R. Lowe, R. M. Badger.

South Platte Conference—G. W. Livers, C. N. Swihart, J. Sorensen.

Reporters—Lutheran Church Work, Rev. C. J. Ringer; Lutheran Observer, Rev. H. A. Wolfe; State Papers, C. R. Lowe; Local Papers, L. L. Lipe.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday School—L. L. Lipe, L. M. Kuhns, C. N. Swihart.

Christian Endeavor—M. D. Berg, C. E. Sparks.

Congregational Church, a. m.—Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

Evangelical Church—Rev. W. T. Kahse.

Dr. Peery then addressed the Synod in the interests of Midland College.

The report of the Trustees of Midland College was then read by Rev. Badger, and same was considered *seriatim*. Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted as read; item 4 was deferred until after the report of the Apportionment Committee.

Report of Trustees to Midland College.

Your Trustees take pleasure in submitting the following report of the work done at Midland College the past year under the able leadership of Dr. R. B. Peery and his efficient faculties. The outlook for the ensuing year is very promising.

At the Commencement of 1913, there were graduated from the College five young people; from the Academy, three; from the Seminary, three young men received diplomas, one of whom has come to be a blessing to our Synod.

Taking up the work of the College proper and the Academy, the last year has seen a gratifying increase of fully 20 per cent over the former year. A fine spirit of harmony prevailed among the faculty, and students showed commendable ambition and industry. Two new departments that were organized in the fall of 1912—the Domestic Science, and the Elementary Business Course, have proved very attractive and popular. The Elementary Business Course, provided to retain those young people in our own institutions that care for only a short course preparing them for a business life, has proven so good that the Board last spring authorized the securing of Prof. E. N. Draper, of Atchison, a teacher of 30 years' experience in commercial courses, to take up charge of a Business Department. It is the purpose to build up a thoroughly modern and efficient commercial school. Students of this department will have the advantages of the excellent courses offered by the Academy in English and Arithmetic.

Other members of the teaching force are as follows: Prof. W. E. Tilberg takes the chair recently vacated by Dr. Thorstenberg, and we feel will be a fine addition to the faculty. He is twenty-nine years of age, a graduate of Bethany College, and has his Master's degree from the University of Kansas. Having already taught four years in his special work, we feel sure that he will hold this department at its present high standing.

Prof. C. F. Malmberg comes direct to us from three of our greatest Universities, where he has been doing post-graduate work—Yale, Columbia and Iowa. He takes charge of the Department of English, and it is the purpose to make this department as good as any to be had in the state of Kansas.

The new teacher of voice is Mrs. N. D. Bartlett, one who has studied under some of the best teachers in the west. She has taught

a number of years, and always with gratifying success. She will direct the College Chorus and the Lutheran Church Choir.

From Pennsylvania, the College has secured a Miss L. L. Diehl to be its Dean of Women. She will have charge of the young ladies at Oak Hall, and teach a few hours per week in the Academy. From all indications she is a valuable acquisition to Midland.

Mrs. Rose Forsythe is the new housekeeper at Oak Hall. Ten years of experience in conducting a college boarding house has fitted her for the task, and she will doubtless provide well for those placed under her care.

Under the supervision of its three instructors, the Western Theological Seminary has had a prosperous and encouraging year. With an enrollment of 16 during the past year, when she opened her doors on September 4, all her dormitories were filled with young men for the ministry. The Western Seminary is doing a great work for the church in the west, and deserves our sincere support. During the past year the professors and students collected funds to purchase new chapel furniture to adorn the Seminary Chapel. At the opening exercises of the Seminary, this furniture, consisting of a new organ, a beautiful altar, and pulpit valued at about $375 was dedicated to God. Other gifts were also received. Two congregations, Kountze Memorial in our own Synod, and the German Congregation at Hooper, have assumed the support of students of the ministry for the ensuing year. Would that other congregations follow these good examples.

The College opened under most favorable circumstances on September 3. The enrollment was equally as good as at the last opening, notwithstanding the terrible drought that has devastated the whole of the middle West. Oak Hall, the girls' dormitory, is full to overflowing, something that has not happened for some years. So far there are 55 in the Academy, 40 in the College, 18 in the Seminary, and about 40 in the Music Department. We will quote Dr. Peery in a recent letter to a member of the Board: "The Academical Department is well filled up, but the students of college grade are pitiably few. We need more prayers on the part of our people; more of their sons and daughters, and more money." Underscore the last sentence in your minds and hearts, because the President desires it emphasized.

Speaking of *more prayers, more sons and daughters* in our *Midland*, we wish to express our appreciation to Rev. Wm. T. Kahse for his untiring labors for Midland while Travelling Secretary, and to lay it upon the minds and hearts of all of our people that Dr. Peery will need more than ever their assistance with added effort to his shoulders. We are truly grateful to God that the General

Synod last May lifted one great load in the removal of the $6,000 accumulated debt. But we must come again and again to her assistance if we wish her to grow into an institution of which we are proud. We notice that because of the delay of Synods in remitting to the Board of Education promptly, the financial standing of the College has frequently suffered in the payment of salaries and bills. If we have the monies in our local church treasuries, we should not let it lie there and rust, but send it on its way to rest the minds and hearts of those who need it for God's work.

We would recommend, first, that Synod endorse all the work of the Board of Trustees in its effort to build up an efficient institution at Atchison, and that we assure the present administration that our prayers are for Midland's highest success.

Second, that we do more as pastors to influence our parishoners to send their sons and daughters to our wide-awake school of learning.

Third, that we extend to Dr. R. B. Peery our deep appreciation of his faithful services in the work of Lutheran education and assure him that the doors of our churches are always open for him or others he may desire to send, to give information concerning Midland, in the securing of new students or of greater financial support for the institutions at Atchison.

Fourth, we feel the need of a small contingent fund to meet repairs and other expenses at the Western Theological Seminary, and that the Synods supporting the Seminary should provide this. We recommend therefore that this Synod appropriate annually $150 for this fund, in accord with the desire of the Executive Board of the Trustees of Midland College.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BADGER.

The Special Committee on the Anniversary of the Ordination of Dr. L. Groh then reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Anniversary of Ordination of Dr. Groh.

Mr. Chairman and Brethren:

This year being the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of our friend and brother, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., to the gospel ministry; in consideration of this fact, and also of his faithful and distinguished service, twenty-two years of which have been spent in this Synod, we feel that it is most fitting and opportune that suitable recognition should be taken of this passing event.

We, therefore, your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in honor of this occasion, would submit the accompanying resolutions, and move their adoption, with the additional provision

Dr. Groh's Ordination Anniversary.

Whereas, This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. L. Groh, D. D., to the holy ministry, and

Whereas, He has enjoyed an uninterrupted service in this holy calling for the past half century, a service peculiarly distinguished for the number of young men he has induced to enter this holy office—being one for every year of service, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, in the forty-first convention assembled, do hereby offer gratitude to God for His Divine favor that has so long rested upon this eminent servant, our esteemed brother in the ministry, and

Resolved, That we herewith extend to him most hearty felicitations upon reaching this noteworthy period in his life, when it may be measurably said of him as one of God's ancient worthies, "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated," and be it also

Resolved, That we petition the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls that he may long be spared to go in and out before us to minister in holy things, and that the virtues in which he excelled may be to those who follow after him a continued inspiration and incentive to attain to higher and nobler things, and be it further

Resolved, That a page be set apart in our minutes upon which to record these resolutions, and that a copy of the same be furnished to our church papers for publication.

that these resolutions be read at the special service to be held Friday evening in honor of this event, program for which has been arranged by the Committee and the pastor loci with the consent of the speaker for that evening as arranged by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. KELLER,
CHAS. H. LEWIS,
G. W. LIVERS.

On motion, the report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions was made a special order immediately after the hearing of Rev. Seibert, Friday morning.

The report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was then read by Rev. Badger, as follows, and report was adopted:

Report of Trustees of Tabitha Home.

Your trustees feel that they can do nothing so wise as to submit the splendid annual report of the Superintendent of Tabitha for your consideration and approval.

Fathers and Brethren:

Tabitha, who so often has been pronounced dead, and for whom there has been lamentation and mourning, is still alive and we hope will continue to live yet a long time. Certainly, that she is alive yet is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes. Therefore we thank the Lord and pray that He may continue to bless her, that she may become more and more a disciple of the Lord, full of good works and almsdeeds, a true Samaritan.

The following report will prove it again that Tabitha Home is a place of real mercy, where pain is soothed and wounds are bound up, where the sad and weary are comforted, neglected and friendless are received and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Of care and anxiety, of sorrow and need there was no scarcity in the past synodical year. That our coal wagon had to return empty from the city because the old debt was not paid and no money in the treasury for a new supply—that we could not purchase this or that because Tabitha cannot always pay is not a new experience with us. "I am very sorry, by dear brother, but I cannot fill your new order until you have paid the first account, for I have had a sad experience with Tabitha Home in this respect," thus spoke a brother of our own church but yesterday to me. If other people say and act likewise we cannot blame them—and yet for him who has to provide for everything, even the money, it is very hard and his heart is often sad. In fact, it is true that there are very few brethren in your midst who pray the fourth petition, "Give us

this day our daily bread," so often and heartfelt as the Superintendent of Tabitha Home. Nevertheless the Lord has helped above what we have asked or thought, and we have—casting our care upon the Lord—experienced, that He cared for us and most graciously helped us time and again.

In our orphanage department we cared for 22 children during the year. Twelve were dismissed either to return to a parent or into a family for further training. One boy was placed in the Home for Feebleminded at Beatrice. In the aged and helpless department, 36 were cared for, 3 were dismissed and 5 died during the year. At present there are 28 aged and helpless in the institution and several more will enter in a few weeks. During the year eleven fathers and mothers were received. Three of them were entirely helpless. Five paid an entrance fee of $300, an aged mother, 88 years old, $400, a helpless mother $250, both of whom have gone home, to the better home; one old father of 81 was not able to pay a stated sum per month.

The Executive Board, at their last meeting, decided that all entrance fees from now on are to be put into a separate fund, to be kept until all debts are paid. Up to the present time this has been impossible.

In the Hospital the work is progressing nicely. Dr. Greenman and all the former nurses left us in April. Drs. Miller and Thomas are the present Surgeon and Physician in Chief; 203 patients were treated at the Hospital during the last synodical year. The receipts from April 1 to May 1, 1913 were:

From Synods	$ 6,901.57
From Hospital	8,245.00
From Aged and Orphanage Departments and gifts	3,251.70
Collections of Superintendent	1,555.87
Total	$19,954.87

We paid during the year for old debts, $2,945.95. As very little interest was paid during the preceding year we had to pay quite a large sum the past year, $1,300. The necessary expenses for repairs were as follows:

New flues for boilers	$265.00
Electric lights for Aged Department	32.00
For electric laundry outfit	450.00
Electric motor for pumping water	112.00
Repairs on water tank	110.00
Air-tight return tank for boiler house	62.00
Two gasoline tanks and ice box	62.00
Flooring of four rooms and painting of more than 30 rooms	164.00

Dining room tables for children and necessary chairs..... 28.80
Furnishings for several rooms in the Aged Department..... 78.00
Lawn seats and other necessary articles for sick rooms and other repairs for Home and boiler house, nearly..... 100.00

We cancelled a debt of $2,925.05 with $1,380.25.

The total expenses for the liquidation of debts, interests, new furnishings and repairs amounted to $4,485.75. The paid and donated bonds are not included in this. Our present indebtedness is $29,000. With God's help we will be able to pay it all. Brethren, help us to do it, please. Let the Tabitha Messenger enter the homes of your members. At present the number of subscribers is 80.

The German Nebraska Synod is still the Banner Synod. Although she has given large sums to the New Seminary at Lincoln, her contributions for the Home during the past year reached the handsome amount of $23,333.78.

Rev. H. Siekman again gave several hundred dollars. Mr. J. F. Smith, Grace Church, Omaha, Neb., donated a good carriage and $15.00 for a multigraph. Mr. Smith is a member of the Nebraska Synod. May the Lord bless these brethren for their kindness. Quite a number of churches remembered us at Christmas.

We thank all of our pastors, congregations and friends for what they have done for us, and may the Lord reward them abundantly. With the Lord's help I have strived to do all that was possible. Tabitha is God's work, your work, brethren, it can and dare not fail. We beg for your help and prayers.

Thanks, hearty thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

E. WALTER.

We are thankful for this good report of work well done. Brother Walter's position is not an easy one to fill, but he has shown a quiet, faithful consecration to his Lord in the work he has chosen. Tabitha is well worth our prayers, our efforts, our patience—continuance in faithfulness to her. Push the matter of subscriptions to her little monthly paper, "The Tabitha Home Messenger" in your local congregations that your people may be well informed about her. Twenty-five cents is a small sum in comparison with all the information it gives you. The Ex. Board granted Bro. Walter a tour of visitation of the Eastern Synods this fall. He is about this work now.

Pray for him, that God may open the hearts and the pocketbooks of many to his earnest plea for Tabitha. Remember at Christmas. If you wish to keep the children, the aged, the sick warm during the winter to come, send at once a draft for $3.75 to Brother Walter

that he may buy a ton of coal. If God has blessed more than that much, send more. It will be always acceptable.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BADGER,
J. H. HUMPE,
Trustees.

The report of the Directors of Nachusa Orphanage was read by Rev. J. A. Koser and the report was adopted.

Report of Trustees of the Nachusa Home.

On the 10th of June last, it was our privilege, as one of your Trustees of our Home at Nachusa, Ill., to be present at the dedication of the new building which takes the place of the one destroyed by fire April 12, 1912. And at the gathering for this purpose, we also attended a special meeting of the Board of Directors, called at this time. The dedication elicited much attention both on the part of ministerial brethren and the laity, thus manifesting much interest in this most commendable work.

The new structure is a three-story brick, 40 x 60, substantially built, well adapted for its purpose; it is a credit to our church; it betrays good taste and judgment on the part of those who had the construction in hand. The contract cost was $14,000, all of which was paid prior to the day of dedication, save $4,000.

Interesting and appropriate services were held upon this occasion. An effort was made to raise funds for the Home, which resulted in $1,641.35 in cash and pledges; $500 of this was applied on the debt of the new building, thus leaving a balance unpaid of $3,500, and the remainder used for contingent fund.

Sister Alberta Harris is in charge of the Home, which now contains 14 children. Two were released, and one attained her majority during the year. The younger children attend the village school, while the more advanced are admitted to the high school at Dixon.

There are some things in connection with the Home which should have immediate attention. A new carriage house, a hog pen and a poultry house should be built; cement walks should be made; some new fencing is being done but there is need of still more; berry and fruit trees should be planted; and better arrangement for garden made, so as to supply sufficient fruit and vegetables for the Home.

During the latter part of the summer some of the children were stricken by a scourge of typhoid fever, but the Sister in charge was equal to the occasion and by careful and skillful management no deaths resulted. Respectfully submitted, J. A. KOSER,
L. P. LUDDEN.

The minutes of the session were then read and approved, after which Synod adjourned with prayer by Dr. Yarger.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

Rev. E. Lee Fleck, of Lincoln, delivered the evening address on the theme, "America as a Mission Field."

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 9 A. M.

The morning devotional service was led by the Chaplain of Synod, Rev. J. H. Richard. After the devotional service the Synod opened regularly with prayer by Rev. Bollinger, after which followed the roll call.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., then addressed Synod in the interests of the Board of Church Extension.

Rev. J. F. Seibert, Manager of the Chicago branch of the Publication Society, addressed Synod in the interests of his particular work.

On motion, Rev. J. S. Leamer, of the Iowa Synod, and D. H. Schultz, of the Rocky Mountain Synod, were introduced and invited to sit with Synod.

On motion, the special order of the Advisory Board was waived to hear the report of the Apportionment Committee.

Report of Apportionment Committee.

The Apportionment Committee would recommend a per capita apportionment on our various benevolent objects as follows: General Synod, 5c, Synodical Treasury 12c, Synodical Missions 20c, Home Missions 37c, Foreign Missions 32c, Church Extension 26c; Board of Education 20c, Ministerial Education 25c, Pastor's Fund 10c, Deaconess Board 4c, Home for the Aged 0, Tabitha Home 5c, Midland College Contingent Fund 4c.

We would also recommend that in case the above apportionment is adopted whenever a congregation exceeds its apportionment, the excess shall be devoted to the Deaconess Board and the Home for

the Aged, at least until the apportionment specified by the General Synod for these objects shall have been satisfied.

We would further recommend that the apportionment shall be made in dollars only; cents less than 50 being disregarded, and 50c or more being counted as one dollar more, but no amounts apportioned to be less than $1.00 for any object.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. RICHARD,
H. C. BIXLER,
H. C. HECKT.

It was moved to amend the report by instructing the Committee to carry out all objects as levied by the General Synod (which would mean an apportionment of 10 cents for Deaconess Board and 5 cents for the National Home). Roll call was demanded on the amendment, which resulted as follows: *Yeas*—Groh, Snyder, Koser, Ludden, Kuhns, White, Fleck, Keller, Pfeiffer, Badger, Sparks, Kahse, Lewis, Powell, Stafford, Sorensen, Buelow, Utesch, Swihart, C. R. Lowe, Blessing, Cromer, Heckt, C. E. Blessing, Hofrichter, Leiser, Weimar, Glock, Thielke, Crannel, Swanson, Person, Warner—42.

Nays—Lipe.

Present, but not voting—Baltzly.

Amendment carried and report as amended then adopted.

On motion, the report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions was made the special order for 2 p. m.

The report of the delegates to General Synod was then read and adopted.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

Your delegates to General Synod would respectfully present the following:

It was with much pleasure that we attended the forty-sixth convention of this chief ecclesiastical body of our church, which assembled at Atchison, Kans., May 14-22, 1913.

Those whom you chose to represent this Synod were all present, save Rev. J. A. Lowe and William Ebright, the first of whom was providentially prevented, but his place was filled by Rev. C. J. Ringer, first alternate.

Rev. Junius B. Remensnyder, D. D., L. L. D., retiring President

preached the opening sermon, taking as his text, Matt. 16:18; his theme being, "The Adaptedness of Lutheranism to the Modern Age." This was followed by the Holy Communion.

The first evening was devoted to addresses of welcome and responses to the same, all of which indicated that the good people of Atchison were prepared to give our General Synod a royal entertainment, as their subsequent cordiality fully demonstrated.

Election of officers resulted in the choice of Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of our Board of Church Extension, as President, who received 164 votes out of 221 cast on first ballot. Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., was re-elected Secretary and G. H. Knollenberg re-elected Treasurer.

The newly organized Synod of West Virginia was admitted.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions presented much of an encouraging character. Receipts during the biennium, from all sources were $246,953.83, leaving on hand after their disbursements, $12,641.41. It was with sadness that the deaths of Rev. E. E. Neibel and Rev. J. H. Straw, two of our faithful missionaries in Africa, were reported.

The Board of Home Missions represented the biennium closed with all obligations met and a balance in the treasury of $17,166.52. Fifty-one new fields were taken up. The present enrollment of missions is 250, with a communicant membership of 29,781. They have 35,661 in their Sunday schools. They have paid $50,375.75 to the benevolence of the church, and contributed for all purposes $666,629.62.

The action on part of the Board, whereby the work in South America was discontinued, after much discussion, was approved. The Board refused to recognize the territorial division between the General Synod and General Council, as recommended by the Joint Commission of Practical Co-operation. By later recommendation on part of our committee this division was set aside, which received endorsement on part of Synod.

Report of the Board of Church Extension showed 33 churches aided from the loan fund, and 341 by donations. Their total receipts for the biennium were $175,574.03. They claim that their report compares favorably with that of former years.

The Board of Education reported a number of bequests and large contributions made in behalf of some of schools and colleges. They also stated that there was an accumulated indebtedness of $6,000 resting upon Midland College, which was embarrassing their work very much. To meet this, pledges were at once secured upon the floor of Synod to the amount of $6,110.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to correspond

with the district synods in order to inaugurate a movement for the establishment in all synods of a $1,000 minimum salary without regard to parsonage.

An increase of apportionment of 2c was made for General Synod, Home Mission, Foreign Missions and Tabitha Home; and 6c for Church Extension, a total increase of 14c.

Akron, Ohio, was chosen as place for meeting in 1915.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
C. B. HARMAN,
F. S. CONANT,
C. H. LEWIS,
C. J. RINGER,
H. FISCHER,
J. F. SMITH,
W. W. SENG.

Moved by Dr. Baltzly that the Apportionment Committee be instructed to make the amount for Synodical Treasury 16 cents and for Synodical Missions 25 cents. Carried.

Minutes read and approved, after which session adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Stafford.

Following the calling of the Roll, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., President of General Synod, addressed Synod in the interest of the Laymen's Movement, calling attention to the every-member canvass to be undertaken in every congregation of the General Synod on or before March, 1914, and asked that a committee be appointed by this Synod to co-operate with the General Synod's Committee on this matter.

On motion, the President was instructed to appoint such a committee to complete this work.

The report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions was read by Rev. Ringer, and was considered *seriatim*. All items were adopted and report adopted as a whole.

Report of the Advisory Board of Home Mission.

Bruning—Rev. H. C. Bixler pastor: This mission has been moving along the line of progress, notwithstanding the long drought that has materially interfered with their plans. While the mission has lost several of their active workers by death and removals they report a net gain in membership of three, with a Sunday School of 128 enrolled. They have an active Young People's Society. The pastor reported 24 catechumens. During the year the congregation improved their property by building an addition of a tower and a Sunday School room to the church; and purchased and placed a 1,500-pound bell in the tower; painted the interior and exterior, all costing about $810.

Benson—Rev. C. J. Ringer, pastor: This mission is moving along under somewhat adverse conditions, but regaining confidence. An increase of one hundred dollars on the pastor's salary was made and a corresponding decrease in the appropriation from the Synodical Mission Fund. The debt that is resting heavily upon this mission is being gradually reduced. During the year there were 19 accessions to the church. A good sized catechetical class is again in sight for the coming year.

Homer, Hubbard, Sioux.—This mission consists of the three named points, and is served by Rev. John Sorensen. The pastor reports that Homer has made progress, both spiritual and material, during the year; 23 new members were added, making a membership now of 55. A catechetical class is under instruction for confirmation this fall. The Ladies Guild is doing efficient work. $500 was spent for improvements of the property, consisting of a new foundation under the building, painting the exterior and interior, a new floor and furnace, also some repair on the parsonage.

Hubbard.—This point is also encouraging, here the pastor has a catechetical class of fourteen to be confirmed this fall. The Sunday School is holding its own. Also money has been secured for the painting of the church.

Sioux.—For this point the pastor was not able to give any encouraging report. Yet they maintain a Sunday School with an enrollment of fifty, without any morning service. We recommend that the field be at once investigated by the proper officials.

Oshkosh-Lewellen.—This mission became vacant when Rev. Oscar Woods, the pastor for the last two and a half years closed his labors on Sept. 1, 1913. In connection with these two points is Belmar, a railroad town twelve miles down the valley from Lewellen. This is an important field and is in need of a good pastor.

Potter.—This mission is without a pastor. Mr. Martin P. Mortensen a student in the Western Theological Seminary, for the

second time served them through the summer months vacation, and his report is more encouraging than the previous year. He reports five new members added to the church, which now has a membership of thirty-two, and a Sunday School with an enrollment of forty-five. The apportionment was met in full. The town is growing and Lutheran material is coming in, and should have a pastor at once. The solution of this mission is, to develop other points in connection with it. Apparently the most prospective point is Kimball, the county seat of Kimball County, eighteen miles west of Potter.

South Omaha.—Rev. S. H. Yerian, pastor: This mission again stands in the front rank of the missions in making substantial progress during the year. Sixty-five new members were added to the membership and $1,000 paid on the indebtedness.

Sutherland-Paxton.—This mission became vacant the first of December when Rev. M. E. Bollinger relinquished the work. Mr. C. S. Powell, a theological student from the Hamma Divinity School, supplied them through the summer months and did a splendid work, and to the satisfaction of both congregations. Rev. Frank S. Delo of Fillmore, Ill., was called and took charge of the work the first of October, and is now on the field. A new parsonage is now in course of construction at Paxton, for which the good ladies pledged themselves for ten dollars per month. For this enterprise the Paxton people are to be commended. The outlook for this mission in the future was never better. The pastor will now reside at Paxton and hereafter this mission will be known as the Paxton and Sutherland Mission.

Sidney.—Rev. John H. Utesch, pastor: This mission became self-supporting with the calling of the present pastor, who assumed charge on May 5, 1913. We heartily commend this good act.

Stamford.—Gustav Klatt, pastor: Notwithstanding that this mission is in the midset of a district that has a total crop failure which naturally would have a depressing effect upon church work, the pastor reports that this mission is moving forward harmoniously. During the spring months the interior of the church was repaired by repapering, repainting, varnishing and decorating the windows with the Parish's stained glass paper, giving the interior a decidedly improved appearance. The Young People's Society is taking a deep interest in the work. With this mission are connected three preaching stations; viz., Hendley and Orleans, the third which was taken up in the last year is ten miles out from Stamford in a country school house.

Wolbach-Ericson.—Rev. R. A. White, pastor: Took charge of this pastorate May 1, 1913. The work at once began to revive.

A Ladies' Aid was organized, which is giving efficient help. The windows were screened, a cement walk was put in around the church. Eight new members have been received since the arrival of the new pastor. He reports fourteen catechumens, ten at Wolbach, four at Ericson. The pastor has also established a preaching point at Brayton, a railroad town, with 100 population, and without a church of any kind. He expects to establish a congregation at this place. This mission has eight students at Midland College.

Wilber.—This mission has been vacant since the first of last June when the Rev. J. A. Lowe relinquished the work. We recommend that Rev. W. T. Kahse, the Synodical missionary, shall visit this field as soon as possible.

York.—Rev. C. E. Sparks, pastor: The Rev. R. A. White who so faithfully served this mission for eight years and three months relinquished the work on the first of April, last. The present pastor assumed charge on the first of June. This mission has taken an advance step in the financial support of the pastor by doubling the amount, and an increase in attendance at the Sunday School and church services. They are meeting their financial obligations. The church property was improved last fall by the installing of new pews. The membership is united and harmonious. The foundation of this mission was well laid; the prospects are bright for a continued growth.

Lincoln, St. John's.—Rev. E. Pfeiffer, pastor: This congregation has asked for a letter of dismissal to the German Nebraska Synod. We recommend that this letter be granted. The pastor, however, desires to retain his membership in this synod.

Omaha, St. Matthew's.—Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor: This mission consists of two points, one in the southern part at Nineteenth and Castellar, the other in the northern part at Twenty-fourth and Ames avenue. The pastor reports twelve catechumens, fourteen members received, and a membership of forty-six. He reports an active Ladies' Aid, and a reduction of indebtedness of $405.

Roca.—Rev. A. Spickerman assumed charge as supply pastor on April 1, 1913. He preaches for them every two weeks on Sunday evenings.

In conformity with the action of the last meeting of Synod at North Platte, Neb., the Advisory Board of Home Mission met in a joint meeting with the Traveling Secretary Committee on June 20, 1913, at the Young Men's Christian Association Building, Omaha, Neb. And in accordance with the authority conferred upon these two committees extended a call to the Rev. W. T. Kahse, to become the Synodical Missionary of the Nebraska Synod at a salary of $1,400 per year, with traveling expenses; to begin work on or

about the first of September, 1913. The Board of Home Mission will pay one-fourth of the salary. Brother Kahse accepted the call and is now at work at Falls City, Neb.

Respectfully, your committee, C. J. RINGER,
C. H. LEWIS,
L. J. POWELL,
C. B. HARMAN,
S. H. YERIAN.

Relative to the Falls City work, the following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That inasmuch as we have courteously, at their own request, dismissed the St. John Congregation at Lincoln to the German Nebraska Synod, we therefore earnestly request that the German Nebraska Synod withdraw from the work in Falls City, that the Synod of Nebraska may continue its work effectively.

Pending the adoption of the report as a whole, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, addressed the Synod in the interests of the Home Mission Board.

The Committee on President's Report reported through Rev. Harman, and was adopted *seriatim* and as a whole.

Committee on President's Report.

This report shows another busy year for our president in his official capacity. We would commend him for his diligence and faithfulness in the performance of these duties and recommend the endorsement of his official acts.

The items demanding the attention of this body are:

1. The matter with reference to Yutan. We recommend that this be referred to the Advisory Board of Home Missions and that they investigate this and some adjoining field with the view of rebuilding the church at Yutan and establishing a new pastorate with power to act.

2. With reference to the item, "Division of Pastorate," we would report that this matter has already been disposed of in the adoption of the report of the Advisory Board concerning Sioux with power to act.

3. The recommendation to rescind a resolution adopted at a former session of our Synod. We endorse this recommendation.

C. B. HARMAN, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Traveling Secretary was then read by Dr. Baltzly and, on motion, adopted. On motion, the committee was instructed, with power to act, to take steps to provide for the taxes on this Omaha property.

Report of Committee on Travelling Secretary.

Your committee on the Traveling Secretary would report that the property belonging to this fund located on lot 5, block 35, in Kountze Place Addition in Omaha, is still occupied by the tenant of one year ago at $35.00 per month. Eleven months' rent have been collected and necessary current bills, $56.34, have been paid and the balance of $328.66 has been paid on the note of $801.91 held by the Treasurer of the Committee, Mr. J. Fred Smith.

The financial situation of this fund is, therefore, as follows:

Due on the note held by J. F. Smith	$473.25
Accrued taxes as per report of last year and still unpaid	247.78
	$721.03
Taxes for this year, approximately	80.00
Total indebtedness	$801.03
A reduction of the indebtedness of approximately	$248.66

The contract with the present tenant expires April 1, 1914.

We herewith submit the communication of Mr. J. F. Wilhelmy pertaining to the sale of the property. (See Protocol for this letter.)

We herewith submit the statement of the Treasurer's report:

STATEMENT, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON TRAVELING SECRETARY.

1912—House, 1819 Prukvy Street, Omaha, Neb.

Nov. 1, balance on hand	$ 00.00
Nov. 18, November rent	35.00
Dec. 27, December rent	35.00
1913	
Jan. 18, January rent	35.00
Feb. 12, February rent	35.00
March 21, March rent	35.00
April 26, April rent	35.00
May 10, May rent	35.00
June 10, June rent	35.00
July 17, July rent	35.00

Aug. 8, August rent	35.00	
Sept. 10, September rent	35.00	$385.00

1912 DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 27, storm doors and fixtures for same	$ 7.00	
1913		
Jan. 17, H. W. McVea, plumber	3.38	
Feb. 6, Omaha Water Co., meter	9.00	
Feb. 6, Omaha Water Co., Dec. 23 to June 8,	1.05	
Feb. 6, Adam Jamison, plumber	2.65	
March 21, W. E. Kebbe, hanging paper	11.00	
April 10, Omaha Water Co	4.32	
April 26, Harry W. McVea, plumber	2.00	
May 10, Harry W. McVea, plumber	1.30	
May 10, Omaha Water Board	2.12	
June 10, Omaha Water Board	2.36	
July 10, Omaha Water Board	1.66	
Sept. 10, Harry W. McVea, plumber	6.10	
Sept. 10, Omaha Water Board	2.40	
Paid on note of J. F. Smith	328.66	$385.00

O. D. BALTZLY,
C. J. RINGER,
S. H. YERIAN,
A. L. KRAUSE.

The Committee on the State of the Church then reported, and report was adopted.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Your committee on the State of the Church has received a full and illuminating statement from the pastors of this Synod through the new form which was adopted at the last meeting of this Synod, and we respectfully submit the following report:

1. We have noted with gratification the awakened conscience of our Lutheran people in this Synod in the item of benevolence which has resulted in twenty-four congregations providing the full apportionment.

2. We have observed with approving interest the serious concern for the care and cure of souls, and note with great pleasure the successful use, by many, of the honored and efficient customs of the Lutheran Church. It is noteworthy that in almost every instance the number of young people in our parishes over fourteen years of age who have united with the Church has been reported as 90% and over, while the published statistics of the

Reformed Churches show only 40% for those denominations. The time is here for our Church to come again into a full inheritance of its unequaled methods which have produced unparalled results the world over. And the degree that our pastors enter into the full spirit of our historic Church may they expect great results.

3. The reports show there is great lack of uniformity in the observance of the Preparatory Service before the Holy Communion. It is the recognized purpose of our Lutheran Church everywhere that every one who comes to the Lord's table should, without fail, attend such a service: the importance of this preparation is effectively emphasized by a separate and previous service, according to the recommendations of our Church.

4. We have learned from these reports that our people are not availing themselves of our Church Papers. The printer's ink is everywhere recognized as indispensable to progress, except in the Church. The religious isms of our day are using it effectively. We are losing heavily by our neglect.

5. We have been impressed with the answer given as to effective methods for increasing attendance, viz., good preaching and pastoral visitation. We believe there is room for great improvement in pastoral visitation. It is personal touch that counts, and to the degree that faithful pastoral visitation is pursued will results follow.

6. We regret exceedingly to note the almost unanimous report that our young people are not attending our Church institutions of learning. The influence of our State institutions is pernicious in many respects, and many of our young people are being lost to the Church and salvation through these institutions. As the moral and spiritual in life is infinitely more valuable than any other achievement we urge our brethren to place the facts before our Lutheran parents and young people and endeavor to turn them to safer and holier sources of knowledge, our Lutheran colleges.

7. We view with deep concern the very great neglect of sermons on the claims and attractions of the holy ministry. It is not to be wondered at, that there is a scarcity of students for the ministry, when the ministry itself is so indifferent to this immensely important subject. We believe it would be profitable for the Dean of our Western Theological Seminary to compile a list of some pertinent facts and addresses upon this subject and mail such to our pastors.

8. Lastly, we observe the almost total neglect of Adult Catechetical instruction. We believe that here is the opportunity of our ministry for true evangelism that produces results of lasting character. The experience of those who have entered into this

work heartily is that it appeals strongly to the unchurched; a very large portion of whom are more interested in the Bible and the doctrines of Christian faith than we sometimes think. We recommend that the Calendar Committee assign this subject for one evening service at the session of this Synod one year hence.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. BALTZLY,
G. W. LIVERS,
C. E. SPARKS.

Minutes were read and approved.

Session adjourned with prayer by Dr. Groh.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

Rev. C. B. Harman delivered a splendid address on "The Call and Opportunity of the Pastor," after which a special anniversary service was held in honor of the ordination of Dr. Groh, fifty years ago. Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., President of General Synod; Rev. L. J. Powell, President of the Synod of Nebraska; Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Executive Secretary of the Luther League of America; Rev. L. L. Lipe, Rev. J. A. Koser and Rev. R. A. White all brought greetings to Dr. Groh, to which he made a very happy response.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

After a helpful half-hour devotional service led by the Chaplain, Synod opened for business with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Hay, D. D.

After Roll Call, Rev. Dr. Hay was recognized in his official capacity as Secretary of the Deaconess Board and invited to a seat in Synod.

Rev. J. S. Leamer, President of the Board of Directors of Nachusa Orphanage, then addressed Synod in the interests of the Home, calling the attention of the Synod to the

fact that, inasmuch as Tabitha Home is supported by the apportionment of the whole General Synod, the special offerings taken on Children's Home were for the support of the Nachusa Home.

Dr. L. P. Ludden then gave notice of the following amendment to the Constitution:

I hereby give notice that at the session of Synod next year (1914) I will move to amend the Constitution, page 13, section 11, by striking out these words in lines three and four of said section 11, "the President and Secretary of Synod being two of the members," and in lieu thereof add these words, "two laymen and three ministers. Home missionaries shall not be eligible."

On motion, the hearing of Dr. Hay in his official capacity was made a special order for 2 p. m.

On motion, the President and Secretary were instructed to send a special letter of greeting in the name of the Synod to Revs. W. F. Eyster, D. D., J. F. Kuhlman, I. N. Augustine and J. L. Hammond.

The Committee on Excuses then reported and report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Excuses for absence from this convention of Synod have been received from the following brethren: Revs. J. A. Lowe, Gustav Klatt, J. H. Stough, W. G. Gettle, Frank S. Delo, I. N. Augustine, David Z. Foulk, W. F. Eyster, A. T. Ludwig, and J. L. Hammond; also from Messrs. L. D. Thoeleke, G. Hanson, and Otto Bahnke. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. SNYDER.
JOHN SORENSEN.

The Committee on Protocol made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Protocol.

Your committee on Protocol would report that we have

examined the same and find them neatly inscribed in a proper manner in the book prepared for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

E. LEE FLECK,
FLOYD BLESSING,
G. W. LIVERS.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to secure a loose leaf typewriter record for Protocol.

The Committee on Leave of Absence then brought in its report and report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

We respectfully submit the following report: Leave of absence has been asked by and granted to the following persons: John Sorensen, E. Pfeiffer, George Leiser, L. L. Lipe, J. A. Koser, A. S. Glock, G. A. Crannel, S. L. Keller, James M. Cromer, G. W. Snyder and Chas. R. Lowe.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
H. A. WOLFE,
G. A. CRANNEL.

The Committee on Archives then reported, and in connection with their recommendation that useless papers be destroyed, the amendment was made and carried that the officers of Synod be instructed to use their discretion in destroying these useless papers. Report adopted as amended.

Report of Committee on Archives.

Your committee appointed to locate the archives of Synod would report that these are:

1. Synod's incorporation papers; 2. Protocol (in Secretary's hands); 3. Bound volume of minutes (with the Secretary and Historian); 4. Deed to the Traveling Secretary's house (with the Board of Church Extension at York, Pa.); 5. Notes of Beneficiaries (in the hands of the Treasurer); 6. Letters and papers: such as bond of the Treasurer, letters of dismissal to and from our Synod, constitution protocol of Synod made in 1893, constitutions of several congregations.

We recommend the destroying of all useless papers, and the

keeping of the rest in the safe at the Kountze Memorial Church.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
S. H. YERIAN.

The Committee on North Platte Conference then reported and report was adopted.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

Your committee would report that we have examined the minutes and find nothing demanding the attention of Synod except that several of the brethren were to be reported to Synod as being absent from the Conference without excuse.

Respectfully submitted,

E. LEE FLECK,
CHAS. R. LOWE,
R. M. BADGER.

The report of the Committee on South Platte Conference was also read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of South Platte Conference.

Your committee has examined the minutes of the So. Platte Conference and find they held a profitable conference at McCool Junction. There is nothing in these minutes that requires the attention of the Synodical body.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LIVERS,
C. N. SWIHART,
J. SORENSEN.

Rev. S. H. Yerian then introduced the following resolutions, both of which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Advisory Board of Home Missions be authorized to enter into negotiations, with power to act, with the Board of Church Extension, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, or any individual, to secure a movable chapel for Nebraska Synod.

Resolved, That the Advisory Board of Home Missions be authorized to enter into negotiations, with power to act, with the Board of Church Extension, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, or any individual, to secure a lot in Falls City.

On motion, the matter of the disposition of the chairs, communion set, etc., at Pawnee City was referred to the Advisory Board, with power to act.

Rev. C. J. Ringer then made a report relative to the division of the Western Conference among the other two conferences. Report was laid on the table.

Rev. Ringer then made a verbal report for the Executive Council relative to the printing of the history of Synod.

On motion, the hearing of Rev. Harman in the interests of the Rock River Assembly was made the special order after Dr. Hay.

The amendment, notice of which was given as reported on page 51 of the printed minutes of 1912, was then called up and adopted. Amendment is as follows:

Article V, section 9, of the printed Constitution shall be changed by inserting after the word "protocol" the words "State of the Church," and that this Committee be stricken from the list of special committees.

On motion, the Statistical Secretary was instructed to send out the report blanks for State of the Church with the parochial report blanks, but the reports on State of the Church to be returned to the chairman of this committee.

The Committee on Letters and Papers reported and report was considered *seriatim*. Report was adopted as read.

Report on Letters and Papers.

1. Rev. A. T. Ludwig of Jameson, Mo., conveys his kind regards to the brethren of Synod, and also to the people of Grace Lutheran Church at West Point whose fellowship he enjoyed as pastor and private member for fourteen years.

2. On account of the distance and lack of funds, Rev. J. L. Hammond, Springfield, Ill., asks to be excused from attendance at Synod. Brother Hammond expresses regret that his advanced age has prevented him from securing a pastorate during the year. He wishes his name retained on our clerical roll and requests copies of the minutes of Synod. We recommend the brother be excused and that the Secretary be instructed to send copies of minutes as requested.

3. Dr. W. F. Eyster regrets that at the age of ninety-two his physical infirmities forbid his presence at this Synod. The brother

begs to assure the Synod of his grateful appreciation of its action last year, the resolutions having been sent by the Secretary. Dr. Eyster conveys his Christian greetings to this Synod, and expresses his profound gratitude to God for sparing his life for so many years, seventy-two years of which have been devoted to pastoral work and teaching in Christian colleges. We recommend the aged brother be excused and that he be assured of the love and high esteem in which he is held by this Synod for his works' sake.

4. The congregation of the Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, Neb., petitions this honorable body to amend its own constitution pertaining to the nominations for the offices of trustee, deacons and elders, which now is according to article 6, section 6 of the Formula of Government, to read, "The Council shall nominate one person for each office and they shall nominate one person for each office, and they shall nominate a committee of five from their congregation, no member of which shall be a member of the existing Council who may nominate one person for each office becoming vacant." This committee recommends that this item be adopted.

5. A communication from the Treasurer of the General Synod calls attention to the fact that the General Synod Treasury is entirely depleted because of the heavy expense of the last General Synod. He also states that if the full apportionment of 5c be raised by all the Synods the returns will still not meet the necessary orders upon that Treasury.

Your committee recommends that the apportionment for the General Synod, together with the Synodical Treasury and Synodical Mission Fund be the preferred items of the apportionment to be met by your Synod and that it be met in full as soon as there are funds at the hands of the Synodical Treasurer.

6. The communication from Dr. S. S. Waltz was received relative to the Brotherhood Manual, and we suggest that the various pastors secure these manuals wherever desired.

7. A brief communication from the General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; and as there is no recommendation representative on the floor of this Synod the committee recommends that the letter be read herewith.

8. A letter from G. B. Weaver, President of Rock River Assembly, in behalf of that institution, requests that Rev. C. B. Harman be allowed to present their work briefly on the floor of this Synod. Your committee recommends the hearing of Brother Harman.

9. At the last year's convention the Secretary was instructed to

write Rev. B. F. Kistler, Benson, calling his attention to the fact that for several years he has been engaged wholly in secular pursuits contrary to the resolutions of General Synod relative to this matter. In response to the Secretary, Brother Kistler says it would seem an unjust discrimination for the Synod to enforce the resolutions against him while others equally guilty were undisturbed.

Your committee sees no way to require Rev. Kistler to surrender his ordination papers save to prefer charges against him in the regular way. Your Secretary has done as instructed. Your committee recommends, therefore, that there is nothing before the Synod demanding attention in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. LIPE,
L. GROH,
C. R. LOWE.

Minutes read and approved, after which the session was adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Utesch. The Apportionment Committee then made its final report. (See Apportionment Table, page 59.)

Rev. Charles E. Hay, D. D., then addressed Synod in the interests of the Deaconess Board and its work.

Rev. C. B. Harman then addressed Synod, calling attention to the Rock River Assembly and its opportunities.

The Committee on Resolutions then presented the following report, which was adopted as read:

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, We have been assembled in the Forty-first Convention of the Synod of Nebraska,

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the prosperous year of the W. H. & F. M. Society, and that we cheerfully extend to them the courtesy of having their minutes printed with the minutes of this convention of Synod, at the expense of Synod, and that fifty copies of our Minutes be sent to the Secretary of that Society.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have 1,250 copies of Minutes printed, and that he retain seventy-five copies for use during the year.

Resolved, That we are highly gratified at the splendid reports and hearty acceptation of our official organ, The Lutheran Church Work, and that we urge our pastors to place as many copies as possible in their parishes.

Resolved, That we urge our brethren to present the cause of Christian education and the claims and attractions of the ministry, to the end that our people may be conserved in the true faith and our Church be adequately provided with a competent ministry.

Resolved, That we note with greatest satisfaction that this Synod has taken a pronounced forward step in the development of our rich territory, by calling a Synodical Missionary, whereby the work may be prosecuted more effectively and systematically.

Resolved, That we view with concern the small increase in membership in our Synod, and that while numbers are not our goal, yet they indicate in a measure the spiritual activity in our parishes. We therefore urge our pastors to an earnest and faithful use of the efficient and distinctive methods of our church.

Resolved, That the President of this Synod appoint a Committee of three at the close of this session, to be a Committee of Reference and Counsel, which shall arrange and have charge of the program for each session of the Synod a year hence.

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate the fraternal courtesy of the Congregational Church of this city, in granting to the W. H. & F. M. Society the use of their church building for the sessions of that society.

Resolved, That we rejoice with this congregation in the erection of a beautiful new church, soon to be dedicated, whose interior is to be a faithful expression of the ideals of a strictly Lutheran arrangement.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Synod is hereby extended to the capable pastor, and to the people of this Lutheran Church and their friends for their generous hospitality which has made our stay here a delight from the beginning; and to the choir for their excellent music, and that the resolutions pertaining to this community be read at the Sunday evening service.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. BALTZLY,
J. M. CROMER,
L. M. KUHNS,
H. C. STAFFORD.

On motion, Rev. C. B. Harman was requested to prepare the manuscript of his address on "The Call and Opportunity of the Pastor," and that the same be sent to the church papers with Synod's request for publication of same.

The Committee on Vacancies then reported and report was adopted.

Committee on Vacancies.

At the present time we have the following vacancies: Oshkosh-Lewellen, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Potter, Pawnee-Zion, Wilber and Yutan.

Lincoln and Nebraska City will in all probability have regular pastors in the near future.

We recommend that the Synodical Missionary visit these vacancies as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. YERIAN,
M. D. BERG
W. T. KAHSE.

The Calendar Committee then made its report, which was adopted as read. (See page 2.)

The Committee on Ministerial Education then submitted its report, which was considered *seriatim*. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your committee would report the following:

That formal applications for aid have been received from two of the young men who have been doing regular work in the Theological Seminary at Atchison, two who have been graduated from the Breklum Seminary, and one who has spent one year in the Academy at Atchison.

We would recommend:

1. That Paul Machetzke and Emil W. H. Doering be granted $125 each.
2. That Ralph Wesimiller, who is in the senior year at the Seminary, be granted $125.
3. That Martin Mortensen now in the second year in the Seminary, be allowed $125.
4. That Oliver Meister be aided to the extent of $75.
5. John Hershey, now in the second year in the Seminary, has not made any application for aid. We think this is an oversight,

and would recommend that in case he makes proper application your committee be empowered to act to grant $125 if that much is needed.

6. Your committee has received favorable reports about Herbert Dierenfield of Ponca, and should he make application for aid to enter Midland College after Christmas, with the ministry in view, we recommend that your committee be empowered to act and grant him $75 for the remainder of the school year.

7. That the communication from Rev. F. G. Gotwald, Secretary of the Board of Education, calling attention to the modification of the Constitution, "to administer the work of Ministerial Education" in the General Synod as president two years ago, has been received, and inasmuch as this matter was thoroughly discussed in all its phases and passed upon unfavorably by this Synod, we recommend that no further action be taken at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. POWELL,
M. D. BERG,
L. L. LIPE,
JOS. H. MILLER.

On motion, the Secretary of Synod was instructed to express to Rev. B. F. Kistler our regret that he has not complied with the request of this Synod to deposit his ordination papers and that we express the hope that he will not decline to observe the judgment of the General Synod in this respect.

The report of the Examining Committee was then read and adopted as read.

Report of Examining Committee.

There appeared before us Mr. Ralph R. Weismiller, Atchison, Kansas, and Rev. Floyd E. Blessing, Wayne, Neb. But three of the committee were present.

After a short examination we find both these brethren highly satisfactory.

We recommend that the former for Licensure for one year, and the latter for Ordination, on Sunday evening.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
O. D. BALTZLY,
C. B. HARMAN.

The Committee on Claims then made the following report, which was adopted:

Committee on Claims.

The Committee on Claims has received and audited the following claims and recommend the same to be allowed by Synod:

S. H. Yerian	$ 8.50
Jos. H. Miller	16.50
Gustav Klatt	7.84
L. J. Powell	10.15
C. J. Ringer	14.10
Chas. H. Lewis	7.13
C. B. Harman	4.00
Harry Fischer	3.75
J. A. Koser	4.00
J. F. Smith	4.25
W. W. Seng	6.95
Martin Mortensen	10.00
G. W. Livers	2.30
L. P. Ludden	15.30

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER,
M. L. WARNER.

The report of the Fraternal Delegate was read by the Secretary and regularly received.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

STAMFORD, NEB., OCTOBER 8, 1913.

Your delegate would respectfully report:

That he visited the Synod meeting of the German brethren held at Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17th; that he was received with fraternal cordiality; that he delivered his greetings, and that he found the brethren very enthusiastic in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

GUSTAV KLATT.

On motion, the Educational Committee was instructed to correspond with the Board of Education touching the plans for administering the work of beneficiary education, as provided for in the meeting of the General Synod at Atchison, and present the complete plan at the meeting of Synod one year hence.

The President then appointed the Committee on Laymen's Movement and Committee on Reference and Counsel. (See Calendar, page 2.)

On motion, the Committee on Synodical Missionary was instructed to prepare a set of rules and regulations governing the work of the Synodical Missionary and report the same at the next meeting of Synod.

The Auditing Committee then presented its report, which was adopted.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee has gone over the report, books, duplicate receipts and vouchers of the Treasurer and have found that the books have been carefully, neatly and correctly kept.

For all disbursements proper vouchers were presented except for six items for which sufficient time had not elapsed for the vouchers to be returned. We commend the Treasurer for the suitable system of accounts employed and the careful and painstaking manner in which the work has been done, and recommend that the report of the Treasurer be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SPARKS,
C. E. BLESSINY.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to present his annual report to Synod hereafter already audited.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies then made its report, which was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

During the past year this committee has done no definite work except the gathering of data. These data reveal the following facts:

1. Sunday School: Number of schools, 43; officers and teachers, 552; scholars, 4,808; members of Home Department, 128; members of Cradle Roll, 395. Five schools report teachers training classes during the year but only one gives a definite enrollment, which is 8.

2. Young People's Societies: There are reported 23 Young People's Societies, with a total membership of 725. However, it seems that only 16 of these were active enough to be noted in the

report on the State of the Church. Of these 16 active Societies 14 are Christian Endeavor Societies and 2 Luther Leagues. The reports indicate that there are 28 congregations in which there are no Young People's Society or the Society is inactive. In view of these facts and conditions we make the following recommendations:

1. That all Sunday Schools be urged to have representatives at the various Interdenominational Conventions in order to learn improved methods of work and to receive more information and inspiration.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SPARKS,
M. D. BERG,
H. C. BIXLES,
C. H. LEWIS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made a verbal report.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for Rev. C. B. Harman and Mr. M. O. Plowman as Trustees of Midland College, terms to expire in 1916.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of Synod for L. P. Ludden for two years and for C. N. Swihart for one year as Trustees of the Nachusa Orphanage.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for Rev. R. M. Badger and Mr. J. H. Humpe as Trustees of Tabitha Home.

On motion, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., was elected fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

On motion, the Secretary was allowed $15 for his services.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the janitor of the church $5 for his extra services.

On motion, the officers of Synod were instructed to carry out the recommendation of the Examining Committee relative to the ordination and licensure of the candidates.

Moved and carried that Synod adjourn at the close of the Sunday evening service.

Minutes of the session read and approved.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The communion sermon at 11 a. m. was delivered by Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., after which the holy communion was administered to all members of Synod and visiting members of the Missionary Society.

The ordination sermon was delivered at the evening service by Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D., after which Floyd Blessing was ordained to the holy ministry and Ralph Weismiller was licensed to preach and perform all other ministerial duties for one year.

Synod then adjourned to meet at Allen, October 7, 1914.

CHAS. H. B. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Exhibit for the Synodical Year.

	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Synodical Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Ministerial Education	Pastor's Fund	Deaconess Board	National Lutheran Home	Tabitha Home	Midland Library Endowment	External Objects	Totals	Excesses	Deficits on Apportionment
Allen	$ 2 40	$ 9 60	$16 00	$ 28 00	$ 24 00	$ 16 00	$16 09	$20 00	$ 8 00	$ 8 00	$ 4 00	$	$ 5 60	$	$157 69	$	$ 2 40
Auburn	1 95	7 80	38 00	22 75	19 50	24 00	13 00	16 25	6 50	6 50	3 25	1 95	4 55	76 00	242 00	112 00	
Beatrice	6 00	24 00	40 00	70 00	29 48	31 51	40 00	50 00	20 00	20 00	5 96	15 19	4 81	24 00	380 95		52 24
Benedict, Bethel	1 08	4 32	11 14	12 60	10 80	7 20	7 20	9 00	3 60	3 60	1 80	7 27	2 52	15 00	97 13	25 13	
Benedict, Zion	2 22	8 88	14 90	25 90	3 81	14 90	15 16	18 50	7 40	7 40	3 80	8 21	5 18	45 05	181 31	33 31	18 19*
Benson	2 00	8 40	2 00	20 00	4 36	11 65	11 65	7 90				4 93			71 69		85 67
Bruning	2 00	3 00	5 00	12 50	8 00	7 00	2 00	6 00	2 00		2 00	9 80	2 00	30 00	91 30		133 94
Dakota, Emmanuel	78	3 12	5 20	9 10	7 80	16 70	8 53	6 50	2 60	2 60	1 30	4 11	1 82		70 16	18 16	
Dakota, Salem	2 55	10 20	42 00	29 75	25 50	23 25	17 00	21 25	8 50	8 50	4 25	19 35	5 95	3 00	221 05	51 05	
Davenport	5 01	13 38	16 80	29 40	25 20	25 60	16 80	21 00	8 40	8 40	4 20	9 65	5 88	56 42	246 14	72 35	
Emerson	1 41	5 64	9 40	16 45	14 10	9 40	9 40	11 75	5 00	5 00	2 35	2 45	3 29	52 00	147 64	53 64	
Ericson	51	2 04		2 50	3 20	3 40	3 00					55			15 30		18 74
Grand Island	4 59	18 36	30 60	13 43	10 71		30 60	38 25	15 30	15 30	7 65	4 59	10 71	15 00	215 09		90 91
Hardy	2 55	10 20	17 00	29 75	25 50	38 63	17 00	21 25	8 50	8 50	4 25	2 55	5 95		191 63	21 63	
Hardy, Jewell	66	2 64	4 40	11 00	9 90	22 27	4 40	5 50	2 20	2 20	1 10	8 30	1 54	3 00	79 11	35 11	
Hendley				1 50											1 50		34 17
Homer	96	3 84	6 40	14 60	9 60	8 00	6 40	8 00	3 20	3 20	1 60	96	2 24	3 00	72 00	8 00	
Hubbard	90	3 60	6 00	10 50	9 00	6 00	6 00		3 00	3 00	1 50	50			50 00		10 00
Lewellen	2 37	14 78	5 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	2 00		2 17			53 32		44 26
Lincoln, Grace	5 40	21 60		25 00	5 00	36 00	30 00		18 00		9 00	10 00			160 00		204 60
Lincoln, St. John's																	124 00*
McCool Junction	2 37	9 88	15 80	27 65	23 70	15 80	15 80	19 75	7 90	7 90	3 95	9 47	5 53	46 00	211 50	53 50	
Nebraska City	3 25	1 00	10 75	4 09	22 50	15 00	15 80	19 75	7 50		3 25			1 00	103 89		49 91
North Platte	5 40	21 60	36 00	63 00	54 00	62 50	16 00	45 00	18 00	16 00	9 00	8 00	13 00	112 00	501 50	141 50	
Omaha, Grace		11 16	16 60				17 23	23 25	9 30	9 20	4 65		6 51		100 00		86 00*
Omaha, K. M.	19 50	78 00	130 00	256 50	195 00	230 00	130 00	262 50	65 00	65 00	32 50	57 32	45 50	6 10	1572 92	272 92	
Omaha, St. Mark's	3 75	15 00	25 00	42 75	37 50	50 00	25 00	31 25	12 50	12 50	7 00	3 75	8 75	40 00	315 75	65 75*	*
Omaha, St. Matthew				8 00			5 25								13 25		69 35*
Orleans				3 25								3 00			6 25		16 77
Oshkosh	1 62	5 92	3 00	3 00	2 00				1 00	1 00		64			18 18		37 46
Pawnee, Zion	39	1 56	55	2 00	2 00										6 50		19 50
Paxton	1 35	5 40	7 73	10 26	3 00	4 00	8 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 39		38 00	88 13	4 13	34 45
Ponca	4 00	16 00	26 00	45 00	39 00	38 25	26 00	32 00	13 00	13 00	7 00	10 19	9 00	5 00	293 44	39 44	
Potter	1 20	4 80	13 00	14 00	12 00	8 00	8 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 20	2 80		85 00	5 00	
Rising City	2 01	8 04	15 00	23 45	20 10	48 40	15 77	16 86	6 70	6 70	3 35	8 15	4 70	70 00	249 23	115 23	

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Roca												78	1 82		54 68	2 68	29 82
Sidney	80	3 15	5 20	9 28	7 80	5 60	7 10	6 65	2 60	12 60	1 30						
South Omaha	3 87	15 48	25 80	45 15	38 70	25 80	25 80	32 25	12 90	12 90	6 45	3 87	9 03		258 00		
Sioux	60			7 00		4 00	4 00			2 00	1 10	60		2 15	21 45		20 70*
Stamford				13 16		4 20	8 40					7 35		3 03	36 14		132 66
Stella	2 10	3 40	179 00	24 50	21 00	14 00	14 00	17 50	7 00	7 00	3 50	11 82	4 90	83 50	238 22	98 22	
Surprise	84	3 36	11 20	11 97	10 40	28 58	7 55	7 00	3 80	3 80	1 71	5 00	1 96	39 20	146 37	90 37	
Sutherland	87	3 48	1 60	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		95	11 50	27 40		42 10
Tekamah, Immanuel	72	2 88	29 80	8 40	7 20	19 85	4 80	6 00	2 40	2 40	1 20	26 05	1 68	37 00	150 38	102 38	
Tekamah, Grace				2 05										22 00	25 05		49 94
Waverly	75	3 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 80	5 00	5 00					1 75		32 30		17 70
Wayne	5 07	3 85		15 13	9 52	17 80	17 80	22 25				2 67		19 50	113 60		86 30
West Point	6 45	25 80	43 00	75 25	234 50	100 42	43 00	53 75	21 50	21 50	10 75	6 45	15 05	5 00	662 42	232 42	3 74
Wilber	1 29	5 16	4 92		12 90	8 60	8 60	10 75	4 30	4 30	2 15	10 00	3 01	1 00	76 98		18 73
Wolbach		3 50		21 00	6 50		3 70	7 50				6 21			45 01		82 22*
York	1 26	5 04	8 40	14 70	12 60	8 40	8 40	10 50	4 20	4 20	2 10	5 00	2 94	11 00	98 74	14 74	
Yutan	36	1 44	2 40	4 20	3 60	2 40	2 40	3 00	1 20	1 20	80	36	84		24 20		
Synod at Session		2 22	5 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00								23 22		
Tabitha Home				3 00		3 50	3 00								9 50		
J. W. Poot								50 00							50 00		
Rev. M. L. Kuhns		2 00													2 00		
Rev. W. F. Eyster		2 00		75	75	75	75								5 00		
Rev. W. T. Kahse		2 00	19 00												12 00		
Rev. L. P. Ludden		2 00												25 00	27 00		
Rev. D. Z. Foulk		2 00													2 00		
Rev. I. N. Augustine		2 00													2 00		
Rev. B. F. Kistler		2 00													2 00		
Rev. W. G. Gettle		2 00													2 00		
Totals	115 16	453 03	752 59	1166 22	1036 84	1035 56	728 78	965 66	331 00	305 50	163 77	301 90	201 76	900 45	8458 22		
Deficits on Apportion.	19 99	125 90	90 81	222 23	153 26	115 48	64 62	76 09	65 70	91 20	34 58		75 93				
Excess												182 89					

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Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL.																						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
				Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subs. to "Church Work."	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Members. Communicant.	Members. Confirmed.	Members. Baptized.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Regular Local Expenses	Finances. Unusual Local Expenses	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students.	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	Contributions. For Support of School And Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.
1	Livers, G. W.	Allen	First	1		2		11	10			3	6	3	9	4	1	89	94	130	$ 9500	$ 4150	$ 784	$5350	1	19	87		8	38	$130	$ 18
2	Cromer, J. M. D.D.	Auburn	St. Paul's	1		1				1	1		5	1	4	1		69	108	136	6000		1800	600	1	11	60				149	
3	Badger, R. M.	Beatrice	Trinity	1		4		3	12	3	8	28	8		2	1		164	204	275	15000		1691	1384	1	22	148			50	114	72
4	Lowe, C. R.	Benedict	Bethel															36	38	17	2000		327	10	1	8	50				60	7
5			Zion	1		1				1		2	2					55	87	91	4000		677	20	1	15	100			20	95	
6	Ringer, C. J.	Benson	First	1				24	2	2	1	10	6	1	16		2	61	92	118	10000	3800	783	364	1	12	135				110	
7	Bixler, H. C.	Bruning	First	1		1		24		1	2	2	5	1	4	2		85	86	112	2200		908	375	1	12	110	8		21	98	32
8	Keller, S. L.	Dakota	Salem	1				7	1			94	2	2	7		1	80	105	141	4265		900		1	10	80				75	33
9			Emanuel	1				9	1			33	3	1	4			27	37	98	1850		256	539	1	9	50			12	52	27
10	Bollinger, M. E.	Davenport	Christ	1		2		5	5		2	9	6	6	6	5		99	118	152	4000		850		1	18	130		15	10	109	30
11	Lipe, L. L.	Grand Island	St. Paul's	1		1	1	13		3	4	15	30	5	14			150	272	400	12000		1400	200	1	15	130				135	15
12	Richard, J. H.	Hardy	St. Paul's	1		1		25		1		8	8	13	3	3		95	122	142	12000		957	2070	1	15	140			16	135	33
13			Jewell	1		1		12					1		1	1		24	33	37	2000		209		1	8	75				37	11
14			Homer	1				20						1	12	6	6	50	72	107	3400		500	400	1	7	50				46	19
15	Sorenson, John		Sioux	1														18	41	62	2100		160	110	1	5	50					
16			Hubbard	1				14					2					30	46	64	2200		235	110	1	5	35				18	
17	Vacant	Lincoln	Grace	1		2	1	20			8	90	5	3	10	5	4	104	174	240	18000		2806	133	1	35	300				136	100
18	Berg, M. D.	McCool		1		1				1	4		2			2		76	97	149	6000		1200		1	8	157			15	97	9
19		Nebraska City	First	1		2		3			3	5	8		3			73	119	150	10000	800	1000	4000	1	12	85				95	20
20	Harman, C. B.	North Platte		1		2		25	19	1	3	18	21	2	11	3	6	180	292	458	14000	400	1651	900	1	16	165			35	193	94
21	Baltzly, O.D., Ph.D.	Omaha	Kountze Mem.	1				235		3	26	59	66	148	51	79	850	1378	1550	175000	4800	7736	1200	1	36	686				508	114
22	Groh, L. D. D.	Omaha	St. Mark's	1		2		24	36	3	1	26	12	2	21	9		127	181	225	20000	1800	1500	480	1	27	280			36	270	85
23	Swihart, C. N.	Omaha	Grace	1				16	3	1			11	2	15	2	7	110	169	201	12000	3100	2126		1	19	150				151	50
24	Snyder, G. W.	Omaha	St. Matthew's	1	1	1		12	1	1	1		10	4	5		4	46	50	160	2000	970	695	405	2	12	150				51	28
25	Vacant	Oshkosh	St. Mark's					4				2	2			2	2	28	28	47	2800		286			6	40			10		
26	Vacant	Lewellen	Grace	1	1			6		1		1	10			1		42	42	83			265										
27	Lewis, C. H.	Ponca	First	1			2	5	12	3	3	7	5	2	3	5	1	112	159	210	10000		1734	225	1	15	98		20	10	103	25
28	Vacant	Pawnee	Zion															13	13	14	3000											
29	Vacant	Potter	First	1					3	2		10	4			5		30	60	75	3000	300	140		1	7	30				40	20

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Index Number.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Societies.	Members.	Contribution For Local Objects.	Contribution For Benevolence.	WOM. MISS. SOC. Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subs. to "Woman's Wk."	Total Contribut'ns, Local and Benevolent Objects	BRO'D Number of Brotherhoods.	Members.	DUES. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	15	$ 8		1	10		8	$ 2			$ 2	$ 9	$ 28	$ 24	$ 16	$ 16	$ 20		$ 8		$ 8	$ 4	$ 8	$ 21	$ 165	$ 6300
2												1	7	32	19	13	13	16		6		6	3	1		130	2530
3	2	50	26	$ 10	3	47		26	71			6	24	110	27	32	40	50	$ 60	20		20	6	15	157	567	3642
4												1	4	12	10	7	7	9		3		3	1	1	13	75	412
5													8	25	22	14	14	18		7		7	3	3	19	148	835
6													3	24	4	11	11	8								73	1220
7	1	24	10										3	18	8	7	3	3					2	10	12	70	1353
8					1	59		10	390				10	46	25	17	17	21				8	4	35	15	212	1112
9					2	40		3	30				3	14	5	16	8	6					1	4	6	73	808
10	1	35	83	9	1	8	1	7	26			3	13	46	23	25	16	21	26		4		4	9	57	273	1123
11	1	10	12									4	18	44			30	38		15		15	7	4	85	198	1708
12		60	14	3	1	12	1	6	6			3	10	47	23	39	17	21		9		8	4	3	6	192	3219
13												1	3	15	10	22	4	6					1	8	2	76	375
14		10	50		1	7			260				3	21	9	8	6	8		3		3	1			72	972
15					1	12			38					7		4	4						1			21	181
16													3	16	9	6	6			3		3	1			50	395
17	1	35	50	15								5	21	5	5	50	16		49	18			9	8	76	295	3234
18												2	9	44	24	16	16	20		8		8	4	9	66	226	1426
19	2	20	125		2	6		3				3		15	22	15	15	19		7			3			85	5085
20	1	25	5		3	58	2	39	87	1	55	5	32	99	54	63	36	45	87	18		18	9	8	119	593	3144
21	1	161	325	49	1	32			102			19	78	357	195	130	130	262	102	65		65	32	66	345	1849	10786
22	1	48	15	38								3	40	43	73	35	25	31	8	12	15	42	6	3	1375	1686	3966
23												3	11	51	28	19	19	23		9		9	3	3	78	276	2292
24	1	12	23	2	1	8	1	2	171			1	4	11	10	7	5		9			3		4		54	1154
25												1	5	6						1		1				18	304
26												2	14	15	3	2	3	5		2		2		2		53	318
27					1			1	12	75			4	16	81	39	38	27	32	37	13		13	7	14	10	330	2290
28																											
29			100	68	1							1	4	37	12	8	8	10		4		4	2	1	2	85	216
30	2	40	7	23	1	27	5	27	182			2	8	23	20	48	15	16	140	6	30	6	3	8	73	413	1250

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30	Stafford, H. C.	Rising City	First	1				12			1		2	3			4	1	70	82	94	6000		837		1		112			87	30
31		Surprise	Zion	1								1						1	28	37	41	2500		233		1	6	26			22	15
32	Spiechermann, A.	Roca	Zion	1			1			1									10	10				50	75							
33	Utesch, J. H.	Sidney	Trinity	1				6			1	1	2	2		3	1	5	26	73	138	6000		802	94	1	8	73			63	10
34	Yerian, S. H., Ph. D.	So. Omaha	St. Luke's	1		1		46			1	3	8	26	8	36		21	140	295	395	12000	3300	1200	1050	1	24	264			240	55
35	Wolfe, H. A.	Stella	Trinity	1		1					1					1	2		72	97	129	5000		800	350	1	12	55		6	30	8
36		Sutherland	Grace	1												1	2		29	53	70	2800		100		1	3	20			5	
37		Paxton	Holy Trinity	1	1						2		4			3			47	65	110	4700		200		1	4	35			20	
38		Stanford	Trinity	1				6	2				8			7			76	127	200	3000		485	190	2	15	75			26	19
39	Klatt, Gustav	Hendley	Christ		1											1			20	26	50											
40		Orleans	St. Paul's		1														10	34	40			50								
41	Buelow, P. A.	Tekamah	Immanuel	1					2	1	3		1	1			1		22	27	38	3500		557	125	1	8	25		6	39	60
42			Grace	1					1	2									21	23	29	2500		225		1	7	25				
43	Powell, L. J.	West Point	Grace	1		1		36	25	2	8		18	12	24	1	4		240	304	470	18500		1506	6700	1	32	166		27	43	174	35
44	Blessing, F. E.	Wayne	St. Paul's	1				4	2			11	1		4	2	8		92	136	181	8000		675	45	1	6	81		32	14	42	14
45		Emerson	St. Luke's					6	3				7		6		1		53	53	59			366		1	9	70		26	21	47	10
46	Lowe, J. A.	Wilber	First	1															43	45	55	3500										
47	White, R. A.	Wolbach	Trinity	1	1	1	3	10	1			1	6	1		1	4		65	94	111	4000	500	213	92	1	7	70		12	13	6
48		Ericson	First	1				4	1								2		19	26	29	1200	150	44		1	9	60		8	32	
49	Fleck, E. Lee (sup.)	Waverly	Trinity	1						1	2	2	2						20			3500	200	320		1	10	40			35	
50	Vacant	Yutan	Zion	1															12													
51	Sparks, C. E.	York	First	1		2		6	1		6	2	1	1	5		6		43	62	82	8000	1300	462	188	1	8	40		12	37	20
52	Ludden, L. P., D.D.																															
53	Kuhns, M. L.																															
54	Eyster, W. F., D.D.																															
55	Kahse, W. T.																															
56	Foulk, D. Z.																															
57	Augustine, I. N.																															
58	Kistler, B. F.																															
59	Gettle, W. G.																															

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Index Number.	Y. P. SOCIETIES.			WOM. MISS. SOC.				BRO'D	DUES.	BENEVOLENCE.												Grand Total.
	Number of Societies.	Members.	Contribution For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subs. to "Woman's WK."	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects	Number of Brotherhoods.	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	
51	1	7	4		1	5	2	7					3	11	10	38	7	7	17	3	9	3	1	5	43	163	306
52	1	12	20	5	1	3		3	17				15	70	38	25	14	32	10	12½		12½	6	1	1	54	145
53					2	64		13	28				8	25	21	14	25	17		1		1	4	38	9	208	888
54					1	14		9	15				1	2	1	1	14	1		1		1	1	12	4	150	2518
55													6	10	3	4	8	6	18						35	71	1300
56	1	27	57		1	7		8	2				1	3	1		8	1		1				1		7	1208
57																											703
58																											7
59					1	5							3	38	7	20	5	6		2		2	1	3	26	113	556
60	2	86	110	30	1	12	1	12	82			6	25	118	230	100	43	53	31	21	10	21	10	6	21	669	745
61	1	18	5									1	4	15	10	16	18	22		12½		5	3	2	25	115	225
62	1	18	5					1				1	1	29	14	5	6	12		1		4		10	4	146	8005
63													5	4	12	4	8	10	6	1	1	4	1	6	35	765	535
64	1	12	60	5								1	25	118	230	100	43	53	31	21	10	21	10	6	21	669	512
65													2	15	10	16	18	22		12½		5	3	2	25	115	78
66													1	29	14	5	6	12		1		4		10	4	146	347
67													2	4	12	4	8	10	6	1	1	4	1	6	35	765	91
68													1	16	2	1	1	11		1		4		1	1	42	352
69													1	6	3	2	1	11		1		4		1	1	42	24
70													1	23	13	8	2	11		1		4		2	5	115	740
71																										322	62
72																										234	
73																										160	
74																										62	

CONDENSED SUMMARY.

1912 and 1913 Parochial Report.

	1912	1913	Increase	Decrease
PAROCHIAL:				
Churches	49	46		3
Stations	6	6		
Prayer Meetings	28	31	3	
Students for the Ministry	4	7	3	
Catechumens	567	647	80	
Subscriptions to "Church Work"*		148		
Losses by Death	41	39		2
Losses by Certificate	92	93	1	
Other Losses	264	392	128	
Accessions by Infant Baptism	200	312	112	
Accessions by Adult Baptism	119	138	19	
Accessions by Confirmation	135	389	254	
Accessions by Certificate	117	121	4	
Accessions by Restoration	334	169		165
Communicant Members	3,967	4,063	96	
Confirmed Members	5,754	5,983	229	
Baptized Members	7,623	7,965	342	
Estimated Value of Church Property	$440,790	$485,515	$44,725	
Indebtedness	25,841	25,570		271
Regular Local Expenses	38,017	42,793	4,776	
Unusual Local Expenses	12,026	27,785	15,759	
SUNDAY SCHOOLS:				
Number of Schools	44	43		1
Officers and Teachers	570	552		18
Scholars	4,341	4,808	467	
Teacher-Training Scholars*		8		
Members of Home Department*		128		
Members of Cradle Roll*		395		
Contributions for Support of School and Local Objects	$2,937	$3,989	$1,052	
Contributions for Benevolence	1,110	1,117	7	
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES:				
Number of Societies	21	23	2	
Members	689	725	36	
Contributions for Local Objects	$809	$1,114	$305	
Contributions for Benevolence	192	257	65	
WOMEN'S MISS. SOCIETIES:				
Number of Societies*		29		
Active Members*		436		
Subscriptions to "Woman's Work"*		196		
Total Contributions for Local and Benevolent Objects*		$1,611		
BROTHERHOODS:				
Number of Brotherhoods*		2		
Number of Members*		76		
DUES:				
General Synod	$ 68	$118	$ 49	
Synodical Treasury	994	475		$519
BENEVOLENCE:				
Home Missions	$1,086	$1,689	$603	
Foreign Missions	960	1,118	158	
Church Extension	618	937	319	
Board of Education	566	731	165	
Ministerial Education	583	913	330	
Woman's Missionary Society	725	597		128
Pastors' Fund	200	330	130	
Orphans' Home	138	65		73
Deaconess Board	128	336	208	
Home for the Aged	129	160	31	
Tabitha Home	806	332		474
External Objects	2,145	2,994	849	
Total Benevolence	9,336	10,721	1,385	
Grand Total	53,748	81,016	27,268	

*Not included in Parochial Report last year.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	No. of Members.	Dues. General Synod	Dues. Synodical Treas.	Synodical Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Educat'n	Pastor's Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	Midland Library Endowment.	Total
Per Member		5c	16c	25c	37c	32c	26c	20c	25c	10c	10c	5c	5c	4c	
Allen	$ 89	$ 4	$14	$ 22	$ 33	$ 28	$ 23	$18	$ 22	$ 9	$ 9	$ 4	$ 4	$ 4	$194
Auburn	69	3	11	17	26	22	18	14	17	7	7	3	3	3	151
Beatrice	164	8	26	41	61	52	43	33	41	16	16	8	8	7	360
Benedict, Zion	55	3	9	14	20	18	14	11	14	6	6	3	3	2	123
Benedict, Bethel	36	2	6	9	13	12	9	7	9	4	4	2	2	1	80
Benson	61	7	40	15	22	20	16	12	15	6	6	3	3	2	168
Bruning	85	6	40	21	31	27	22	17	21	9	9	4	4	3	214
Dakota, Emanuel	27	1	4	7	10	9	7	5	7	3	3	1	1	1	59
Dakota, Salem	80	4	13	20	30	26	21	16	20	8	8	4	4	3	177
Davenport	90	5	14	22	33	29	23	18	22	9	9	5	5	4	200
Emerson	53	3	8	13	20	17	14	11	13	5	5	3	3	2	117
Ericson	19	1	3	5	7	6	5	4	5	2	2	1	1	1	43
Grand Island	150	8	24	38	56	48	39	30	38	15	15	8	8	6	333
Hardy, St. Paul's	95	5	15	24	35	30	25	19	24	10	10	5	5	4	211
Hardy, Jewell	24	1	4	6	9	8	6	5	6	2	2	1	1	1	52
Hendley	20	2	10	5	7	6	5	4	5	2	2	1	1	1	51
Homer	50	3	8	13	19	16	13	10	13	5	5	3	3	2	113
Hubbard	30	2	5	8	11	10	8	6	8	3	3	2	2	1	69
Lewellen	42	2	7	11	16	13	11	8	11	4	4	2	2	2	93
Lincoln	104	5	17	26	38	33	27	21	26	10	10	5	5	4	227
McCool Junction	76	4	12	19	28	24	20	15	19	8	8	4	4	3	168
Nebraska City	73	4	15	18	27	23	19	15	18	7	7	4	4	3	164
North Platte	180	9	29	45	67	58	47	36	45	18	18	9	9	7	397
Omaha, Kountze Mem.	850	43	136	213	315	272	221	170	213	85	85	43	43	34	1873
Omaha, St. Mark's	127	6	20	32	47	41	33	25	32	13	13	6	6	5	279
Omaha, Grace	110	6	18	28	41	35	29	22	28	11	11	6	6	4	245
Omaha, St. Matthew's	46	3	14	12	17	15	12	9	12	5	5	2	2	2	110
Orleans	10	1	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	27
Oshkosh	28	1	4	7	10	9	7	6	7	3	3	1	1	1	60
Pawnee, Zion	13	1	2	3	5	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	29
Paxton	47	2	8	12	17	15	12	9	12	5	5	2	2	2	102
Ponca	112	6	18	28	41	36	29	22	28	11	11	6	6	4	246
Potter	30	2	5	8	11	10	8	6	8	3	3	2	2	1	89
Rising City	70	4	11	18	26	22	18	14	18	7	7	4	4	3	154
Roca	10	1	5	3	4	3	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	29
Sidney	26	1	4	7	10	8	7	5	7	3	3	1	1	1	58
South Omaha	140	7	22	35	52	45	36	28	35	14	14	7	7	6	308
South Sioux	18	1	5	5	7	6	5	4	5	2	2	1	1	1	45
Stamford	76	6	29	19	28	24	20	15	19	8	8	4	4	3	197
Stella	72	4	12	18	27	23	19	14	18	7	7	4	4	3	160
Surprise	28	1	4	7	10	9	7	6	7	3	3	1	1	1	60
Sutherland	20	1	3	5	7	6	5	4	5	2	2	1	1	1	43
Tekamah, Emanuel	22	1	4	6	8	7	6	4	6	2	2	1	1	1	49
Tekamah, Grace	21	2	9	5	8	7	5	4	5	2	2	1	1	1	52
Waverly	20	1	3	5	7	6	5	4	5	2	2	1	1	1	43
Wayne	92	5	15	23	34	29	24	18	23	9	9	5	5	4	203
West Point	240	12	38	60	89	77	62	48	60	24	24	12	12	10	528
Wilber	43	2	7	11	16	14	11	9	11	4	4	2	2	2	95
Wolbach	65	5	17	16	24	21	17	13	16	7	7	3	3	3	152
York	43	2	11	11	16	14	11	9	11	4	4	2	2	2	99
Yutan	12	1	2	3	4	4	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	27
Totals	4063	220	773	1023	1505	1300	1056	812	1022	408	408	207	207	167	9109

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PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.
Allen, Neb., Oct. 6-8, 1914.

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

The thirty-third annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska opened Tuesday evening, October 7, 1913, in Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Point, Nebraska, Rev. L. J. Powell, pastor.

After the opening service, conducted by the pastor, and the singing of hymn No. 179, Mrs. King, of West Point, extended to the delegates a hearty welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Omaha.

Solo, "I'm a Pilgrim," Miss Lillian Kock.

The convention prayer was offered by Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, Ponca.

The President, Miss Matie Martin, gave her address, which was enthusiastically received.

President's Address.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Dear Friends: Through the goodness of God we are assembled in this the opening of the Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska. If

we sometimes feel that the growth and accomplishments of the organization have been slow and few we have but to remember that although missionary work has been going on for nineteen hundred years the same cry, "Come over and help us," is heard, and we still need to "Pray the Lord of the Harvest that He may send forth more laborers." Christ spent thirty-three years on earth, shedding around Him His divine love and sympathy and left but a few disciples. We must bear in mind that things pertaining to the kingdom get on slowly here and while the cause of missions is growing steadily, the world with its need grows faster. We will not look back into these years since the organization was established, except to pause a moment in gratitude to God for the lives of the faithful women who have been instrumental in carrying on the work of the Society, when the cause for which they stood was not as popular as it is today, and when it meant more of toil and sacrifice to keep it going than it does now.

There has never been a time fraught with so many blessed opportunities for serving the Master, as in these days in which we are permitted to live and work. In the Foreign Field the door of opportunity for spreading the gospel has never swung so wide, while in the Home Field we stand almost appalled at the work to be done if we would retain our position as a Christian nation. In the face of the prevailing evils of today, never has there come such a call to live the pure, clean religion as taught by the Master. As Christians there comes to us a call to stand as we never stood before for the principles which we would see underlying our national life. Today we need to look out upon the world more with the heart than the eyes. We shall have to acquire more of the love that characterized Jesus and more of that sense of duty which dominated His life. "I must work the works of Him that sent me," must be the spur in our work. The shame will be ours, if in this day when every opportunity for the spread of the kingdom is with us we shall fail to do our part. The Master has bidden us, "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields white unto the harvest." The harvest was a favorite symbol with Jesus. He used it as He spoke to His disciples that day when He looked out over the valley from Jacob's well at Sychar and again when He looked with compassion on the multitude, because they were distressed and scattered like sheep without a shepherd. This symbol is most appropriate because "The ripened grain is a call for haste." It stands for a pressing and passing opportunity. The wheat must be harvested or it will perish. What the bearers of the sickle do they must do quickly. The ripened field also represents a great investment which is lost if the harvest is not gathered. As the farmer

looks out over his wheat field, ready for the sickle, he knows that it stands for the investment which he made in the land and its improvement, and the weary days of labor which he bestowed upon the preparation of the soil. If the harvest fails, all this investment is lost. Do we ever think of the investment God has made in the human soul? How long it took God to prepare the earth for the coming of man? Into the human soul God put His highest creative thought and in addition invested the life and death of His son in behalf of humanity. If the soul is not saved God's investment is lost. When Christ saw and felt the great compassion for the multitude He said to His disciples: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth labourers into His Harvest."

We too often forget that God has given us the power of prayer, the mightiest power in our hands today, as it always has been. Someone has said that "Prayer is so mighty an instrument that no one ever mastered all its keys." What has been accomplished in missionary activities is answered prayer and more would be accomplished if we used this power more. Why is it we do not oftener use this mighty instrument God has put in our reach, instead of relying so much upon our own strength, which is not sufficient to cope with the problems that are before us. The promise has been given to us and we believe it will be fulfilled, "Ask and it shall be given unto you."

"We kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power;
Why, therefore should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care;
That we should ever weak or heartless be
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer

And joy and strength and courage are with Thee."

Tonight He is bidding us lift up our eyes and look upon the fields white unto the harvest; but the danger is that we will look too far out in the fields and continue looking, neglecting the grain at our very door. Distance lends enchantment, but to most of us the call is to look upon those of our own house, our neighborhood, our Church. There is awaiting each one of us a little duty, which, in our dream of the larger things, is often overlooked; but only God can tell what part that little task of ours may have in the world's work and in His Eternal plan. Our small task is linked with a thousand great matters. Remember the old proverb, "Because of the nail the shoe was lost; because of the shoe the horse was lost; because of the horse the rider was lost; because of the

rider the battle was lost." If the blacksmith had done his work well the cause might have triumphed. We are glad there are many who realize the importance of these smaller duties and are rendering service acceptable to God by performing the humble task nearest to them.

Charles Reade begins his great novel, "The Cloister and the Hearth," with the remark that not a day passes over the earth but men and women of no note do great deeds, speak great words and suffer noble sorrows. The number is even more than we suppose, but we are sure that such individuals will use their rich experience to deepen the world's life. Sometimes when we think upon God's purpose in giving us life with all its capacity for good or evil, its power to choose to make of it what we will and its relation to the Divine Power we feel it is too wonderful a thing for us to live. Life is such a sacred and solemn mystery! The more we think upon it the more confused we grow, until we come back to this simple solution:

"To have done whatever had to be done
To have turned the face of your soul to the sun,
To have made life better and brighter for one
This is to have lived."

We are glad to report three new Woman's Societies for the year, South Omaha, Allen and Hardy. We extend to these organizations a hearty welcome and hope they may bring to the members great blessings in the knowledge they shall gain thereby of Missionary activity. Information leads to inspiration and this is the need in our work.

At the request of Mrs. Shaffer I appointed an Annuity Secretary in the person of Mrs. Badger of Beatrice.

Nebraska Synodical Society has been honored in the honors conferred upon one of its members. Mrs. O. D. Baltzley of Omaha has been appointed General Thank-Offering Secretary to succeed Mrs. Bond. We hope Mrs. Baltzley will have reason to be proud of her State when the Thank-Offering season arrives.

We regret that two officers elected last convention at North Platte are not with us at this time. Mrs. Fuller Bergstressen, Vice President, has changed her place of residence to Middletown, Pa. Mrs. Lillydale recently tendered her resignation as Recording Secretary. Mrs. J. A. Koser also felt it necessary to resign her position as Chairman of the Box Work Committee. We felt it was too late to appoint a new member, hence this part of the program was omitted. We regret that it had to be set aside, since several societies have expressed their eagerness to help with it. We hope

those who were disappointed in this work this year may have the opportunity next year.

According to the action taken at the convention at North Platte, and through the kindness of the ministers, the W. H. & F. M. Society was represented at the North and South Platte Conferences in April. Neither of the Conference Superintendents being able to attend these meetings, Mrs. H. C. Stafford kindly consented to take charge in the South Platte Conference, held at McCool Junction. No one being available in the North Platte Conference, the President took charge of it. The plan in the minds of the women, when it was discussed at North Platte was to have those workers nearest the place of meeting of conference take part in the service, and in this way where there is an organization and formulate where there is none. We believe the plan is a good one and to the best interest of our work, although this first attempt did not quite meet our expectations. We hope this convention will devise some way by which our society may be represented at conference this year and we would suggest that a committee of three be appointed in each conference to take the place of the Conference Superintendent. This would be abiding by the Constitution, article 5, sections 1 and 2. This committee could plan the nature of presenting the work and by the aid of those available, carry out the same.

Mission Bands.

What shall I say about so important a part of our work as the Mission Band? We need not impress upon you the need of training the children to love and pray and give for missions. We know the work calls for them and we know they want to work but we cannot accept the position as leaders of the Bands, therefore we have none in our Society. Our Mission Band Secretary finds the only drawback to her work of organizing Societies is this one: "No one to lead." Recently there came to my notice this beautiful description of childhood, and I am sure if these words express our ideas of children we would not be wanting in leaders:

"When God made the child He began early in the morning. He watched the golden hues of rising day chase away the darkness, and chose the azure of the opening heavens for the color of childhood's eye, the crimson of the cloud to paint its cheek, and the gold of the morning for its flowing tresses. He beheld the dewdrop upon the lips of flowers and from rose and lily and daffodil and daisy gathered nectar wherewith to put sparkle in the eye and merry smiles upon the lips. He listened to the song birds as they sang and warbled and whispered and strung childhood's harp with

notes now soft and low, now sweet and strong. He saw the little lambs among the flock romp and play and skip and He put play into childhood's heart. He saw the silvery brook and listened to its music and ripple and He made the laughter of the child like the ripple of the brook. He saw the angles of light as on wings of love they hastened in holy duty and He put innocence in the child heart and formed its soul in purity and love. And having made the child He sent it out to bring joy in the home, laughter on the green and gladness everywhere. He sent it to the home and said to the parents: 'Nourish and bring up this child for me.' He sent it to the Church, and said: 'Teach it my love and law.' He sent it to the State, saying: 'Deal tenderly with it and it will bless and not curse thee.' He sent it to the Nation, and said: 'Be good to the child. It is thy greatest asset and thy hope.'" So the child is to our Mission and Society, "Our greatest asset and hope."

Young People's Societies.

Young People's Societies will be glad to know they have now a Missionary of their own on the field. Miss Louisa V. Miller goes to India as the Young People's Missionary.

We ought to increase our number of Young People's Societies. We need more of that freshness and enthusiasm which belongs to youth in our work. Shall we let the world with its alluring, unsatisfying pleasures claim this treasure which would mean so much to the cause of spreading the kingdom? There is a tremendous waste of young womanhood in the world today, and the task before us is to make the Missionary work attractive enough to enlist them and offset those other so-called pleasures which draw them farther and farther from the church and its work.

We rejoice to know that the Maternity Block, in connection with the hospital at Gunther, for which the General Convention pledged $5,000.00, is in course of construction. Your delegate to General Convention is hoping the Nebraska Synodical Society heartily approves of her action in pledging $50.00 from that body.

Let us think about and pray for the success of the work to be undertaken in November by all denominations in building "New Americans for a New America." No denomination has such wonderful possibilities for Home Missions. Perhaps because so many did not believe in Foreign Missions, God has brought to our door "the uttermost parts of the earth." One speaker at General Convention said: "You will have to acknowledge that the battle with heathendom is surely transferred to America." The immigrant forces have laid this country under an unending debt. In the vigor of youth they serve us. In the dark and danger of the coal

bank, in the white heat of the blast furnace, in office, factory, mill and shop, wherever there are dull, monotonous, unending tasks, there you will find the immigrant. And how have we paid. It was my privilege recently to pass through the Italian district in New York City. We of the free, open West never think of our blessings until we are brought face to face with such conditions as exist there. The streets a sea of children and the uppermost question in your mind is, "where do they house them all?" The thought that these children, brought up in these environments will be the future citizens of our fair country brings a heartache and we realize more how much needs to be done. These great cities of the East have harder problems along this line than we of the middle West. We have the immigrant but not in such numbers, nor segregations. Someone has said, "A million new inhabitants annually means a million opportunities." Will we look upon them as opportunities? Sister, how are you looking upon that young girl who may be a maid in your home? Will you try to teach her the art of home-making and will you be very patient with her when she seems slow to grasp higher ideals?

We believe our magazine, "Lutheran Woman's Work," has proved itself to be a great benefit to our work. We believe that through its pages of Missionary information, and its corners for the various departments, the workers are linked together as they could not be otherwise. Realizing that our subscription list is not as large as it ought to be we recommend that we follow the suggestion of Mrs. Kretchting and make November 17 to 21 a time for gaining new subscriptions. This is a part of the Home Mission Week and this will be Home Mission work.

I desire to thank the auxiliaries for their ready response and hearty co-operation in matters concerning the Synodical work. You will only know, after you have been president of the Synodical Society how much it strengthens that officer to know that the members do not forget, when there is anything of interest, to write her. She wants to know whether your meetings are interesting and when new members are received, and thus know somewhat whether there is progress or decline in the work. Will you promise my successor this courtesy, which will bind you all closer together in this year's work?

While we are gathered here to talk of work done and work to be done we hope all may say, "It was good to be there." And when we go may those who have so graciously opened their homes to us feel that although we cost them a great deal of work, after all it paid. Anything worth having costs. To those who go back to their Societies we pray that their own enthusiasm may be sufficient

to be most helpful to those who could not be here. With the command of the Master, "Go, ye," and innumerable opportunities offered us, we ought to make this a year that will tell for His kingdom. May these lines be our prayer as we begin the new Synodical year:

"One prayer I pray to thee, dear Lord, today
As this new year its doors wide open fling,
Just this—that I may feel with Thee
The pain, the joy, the dark the light its days may bring
This heart is hard, insensate, cold, dear Lord,
Feels scarce at all the world's deep grief and sin
O, make it feel—'twill quicken at Thy word—
The nameless sorrows of its human kin.
Teach me to feel delight both true and deep,
When sorrows night falls on the souls of men;
Teach me to fel delight both true and deep,
When joy's glad morning lights the soul again.
Then shall my journey through the golden year
Enrich my life in new and wondrous ways,
And thou, dear Lord, wilt show through me more clear
The joyous, tender gospel of Thy grace.

FINIS.

Song by male quartette.

The President of Midland College, Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., was then introduced and delivered a helpful address on the subject, "When the Gospel Comes Back."

Offering, $4.65.

Adjournment with prayer and benediction by Dr. Peery.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After an inspiring devotional, led by Mrs. Lewis, Ponca, the President declared the Thirty-third Annual Convention open for the transaction of business.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read and approved.

The minutes for previous evening were read and approved.

Enrollment of delegates, who responded with verse of Scripture.

Delegates.

Allen—Mrs. Heckt, Mrs. Livers, Mrs. Allen.
Beatrice—Mrs. Mostert.
Dakota—Mrs. D. L. Niebuhr.
Davenport—Mrs. Bolinger.
Hickman—Miss Matie Martin.
Lincoln—Mrs. Ludden.
North Platte—Mrs. Pletcher, Mrs. Jackson.
Omaha, Kuntze Memorial—Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. Emmons, Mrs. Baltzly.
Omaha, St. Luke's—Mrs. Earl Wallace.
Omaha, St. Matthew's—Mrs. G. W. Snyder.
Ponca—Mrs. C. H. Lewis.
Rising City—Miss Emma Musser, Mrs. Gano.
Roca—Miss Maude Martin.
Surprise—Mrs. Stafford.
West Point—Mrs. A. L. Krause, Mrs. E. J. DeBell.
Yutan—Miss Lydia Bender.

Young People's.

Nebraska City—Miss Mary Johnson.

Mission Bands.

South Omaha—Mrs. Yerian.
Omaha, Kuntze Memorial—Mrs. Van Fleet.
Roll Call.

Visitors.

Rev. R. M. Badger, Beatrice; Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., President Midland College; Rev. R. A. White, Wolbach; Rev. H. C. Stafford, Rising City; Rev. M. E. Bolinger, Davenport; Rev. G. W. Snyder, Omaha; Rev. M. D. Berg, McCool Junction; Rev. L. J. Powell, West Point; Rev. C. H. Lewis, Ponca; H. C. Heckt, Allen; Rev. S. H. Yerian, South Omaha; Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Atchison, Kansas; Rev. Floyd Blessing, Wayne; Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Lincoln; Rev. J. A. Koser, Nebraska City; Rev. J. F. Seibert, Chicago; Mr. Theo. Powell, Arlington, Ohio; Rev.

C. E. Sparks, York; Mr. M. D. Neiswanger, Dakota. Mesdames Theo. Powell, F. S. Emmons, F. L. Blessing.

The following committees and appointments were made:

Reporters to papers—Local papers, Mrs. DeBell; *Lutheran Woman's Work*, Mrs. H. C. Stafford; *Lutheran Church Work*, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly; *Lutheran Observer*, Miss Lydia Bender.

Committees.

President's Address—Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Baltzly.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Bolinger, Mrs. Gould.

Historian's Report—Miss Bender, Mrs. Wallace.

Resolutions—Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Mrs. Emmon.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. Lewis, Miss Musser.

Literature and Box Work—Mrs. Livers, Mrs. Gano.

Reports of Secretaries of Home Department, Young Peoples Societies, Mission Bands, Thank Offering, Magazine Secretary—Mrs. Mostert, Mrs. Neibuhr.

Conference Superintendents—Mrs. Yerian, Mrs. Allen.

Claims—Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Maude Martin.

Delegates to General Convention—Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Heckt.

Auditing—Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. Sparks.

On motion, Mrs. A. E. Hecker and Mrs. C. C. Cushman, of Hooper, were made advisory members of the convention.

Rules of order were read.

The reports of the Department Secretaries were read as follows, were accepted and referred to the committees.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Our Young Ladies' Societies and Children's Bands show interest and thrift by the work they are doing in their societies.

Omaha Kountze Memorial Young Ladies' Society has made garments for children's hospital, India, given fruit to poor families in Omaha, and made comforts for tornado victims.

North Platte Band sent post cards to boys and girls in Africa. Rising City Band sent fifty-seven doll suits, thirteen sewing bags

Corresponding Secretary's Report 1912-1913.

Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Quarters Reported.	Names and Addresses of Corresponding Secretaries.	Membership. Total, not Inc. Life and Home Dept.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Memorial.	Home Department.	Number of Meetings.	Lutheran Woman's Work	Lutheran Boys and Girls.	Value of Boxes sent to Missionaries.
Beatrice	1892	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. H. W. Munson, 816 N. 8th	65	16	1	48	2		17	12	22		$30 00
Benson	1907	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. H. Ohye	10	10						12			
Dakota City	1891	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. Ada Sherman	18	16	2		3		1	11	4		
Davenport	1907	1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Lenora Bohner	8	8			1		1	10	7	42	
Lincoln	1890	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. L. P. Ludden, 1236 D. St.	17	17						12	8	20	
North Platte	1904	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. C. B. Harman, 311 W. 5th	18	16	2		4		12	12	39	50	
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1886	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. M. O. Plowman, 1512 Cass St.	38	36	2		1	1		12	18	400	
Omaha, St. Matthew's	1910	2, 4	Mrs. Sylvia S. Stough, 1706 Deere Park Blvd.	7	6	1					10	2	40	
Ponca	1880	1, 2,	Mrs. H. H. Hart	32	31	1					6	12		
Roca	1892	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. Henry Wissel	7	6	1						3		
Rising City	1904	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. D. Loudenslager	32	27	5		1		2	12	27		$ 00
West Point	1904	1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. Ella De Bell	13	12	1					10	12		
Surprise	1912	2, 4,	Mrs. J. H. Miller	10	8	2						7	6	
Stella	1912	1, 2, 3, 4	Miss Maude Montgomery, Humboldt	12	12			4		9		7		
Stamford	1912	1, 2, 4	Mrs. W. T. Kahse	7	7							6		
Yutan	1883	1, 4	Mrs. O. F. Peters	2	2			1			1	2		
South Omaha	1913	3, 4	Mrs. E. P. Wallace 1434 No. 18th, Omaha	12	12						8	13		
Allen	1913	4	Mrs. C. H. Smith	10	10							8		
Hardy	1913	4	Mrs. James Richard	13	12	1						6		
McCool			Rev. M. D. Berg	1		1		1						
Totals				332	264	20	48	18	2	42		203	558	
Young People's Societies.														
Beatrice	1906	2	Joseph Woodring	9	9									
Nebraska City	1908	1, 2, 4	Mary Johnson	7	4	2		1				1		
North Platte	1911	1, 2, 3, 4	Olga Sandall, 623 W. 8th	9	9							1		
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1908	1, 2, 3, 4	Lillian Over, 1314 S. 28th	15	13	2								6.45
Omaha, St. Matthew's	1910	2	Alma Dohse, 3142 S. 17th	12	12									
Roca		4	Miss Maude Martin Hickman	10	10									
Totals				62	57	5		1				2		
Children's Bands.														
Beatrice	1910	1, 2, 4	Mrs. E. P. Mumford, 1000 Market	12	12								10	
North Platte	1910	1, 2, 3, 4	Margaret Fredrickson, 315 W. 3rd	26	24			1			12		50	
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1913		Mrs. F. H. Beden, 2427 Maple	13	13									
South Omaha	1910	1, 2, 3, 4	Josephine Grimm, 803 N. 17th	48	46	2					11	1	1	
Rising City	1912	1, 2, 4	Beulah Garman, Millerton	18	18								30	14.00
Totals				117	115	2		1				1	91	
Grand Totals				511	436	27	48	20	2	42		206	649	

Respectfully submitted, LYDIA A. BENDER, Cor. Sec.

complete, and many toys and post cards to India. South Omaha Band raised $18.00 for their home Church to help liquidate the debt. All reports show creditable work.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA BENDER.

Historian's Report.

As the leaves have been falling from the trees, so has another year fallen from our calendar. It has dropped into the past to enrich it for the future as the leaf turned into mold to produce a richer loam for another growth.

We add to our past collection the following for this year:

1. Minutes of the Thirty-second Annual Convention held at North Platte.
2. Minutes of the General Convention held at York, Pa.
3. Text books, China's New Day, and Mormanism, the Islam of America.
4. Lutheran Woman's Work, Vol. 6.
5. We have lost, for a higher service, one member, Mrs. C. F. A. Bartling, Beatrice.

Let me repeat a few of the suggestions of our General Historian:

1. We urge the necessity of greater care in reporting the names of life members. Give full name and correct address.
2. Appoint a Historian in every Auxiliary.
3. Secure at least three life members during the coming biennium.
4. Remember, any one may become a life member any number of times.

May God richly bless our efforts in behalf of an increase, and greatly multiply the number of workers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Treasurer's Report.

I beg to submit the following report for the year ending October 1, 1913:

RECEIPTS.

October 1st, 1912, cash on hand	$ 96.52	
Receipts (see tabulated statement)	692.42	
		—$788.94

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid General Treasurer—	
For General Fund	$299.00
For Synodical Delegate to Gen. Con.	7.17

For Thank Offering	228.00	
For Christmas Offering	8.00	
For May Memorial	5.00	
For Girls' School in India	75.00	
E. V. Day Girls' School in Africa	25.00	
For new building for E. V. Day School in Africa	2.00	
For Jubilee fund	.25	
For Memorial Membership	10.00	
For Life Membership	20.00	
For Maternity and Operating Block	16.00	
		—$695.42

From Synodical Fee Fund—

To Anna E. Sanford (Missionary)	$ 10.00	
To Mrs H. Yerian (postage)	.60	
To Miss L. A. Bender (postage)	2.00	
To Miss L. Koser (R. R. fare)	2.32	
To Miss L. Koser (badges)	.48	
To Miss Matie Martin (postage)	1.00	
To Miss Matie Martin (programmes)	3.00	
To Miss Matie Martin (Synodical stationery)	8.00	
To Miss Matie Martin (filing incorporation papers)	3.00	
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger (postage)	2.00	
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger (R. R. fare)	7.50	
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger (printing receipt cards)	1.50	
To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger (salary)	5.00	
		—$ 46.40
Total		$741.82
Balance		47.12

Cash on hand is as follows—

Silver Anniversary Fund	$ 25.35
Synodical Fee Fund	35.59
General Fund	4.02
Synodical Delegates to General Convention	6.16
Christmas Offering	.51
May Memorial	.01
Girls' School in India	.39
E. V. Day School in Africa	.85

Maternity and Operating Block.....	1.50
	$ 74.38
Overpaid to Thank Offering.....	27.26
Total cash on hand.....$	47.12

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER.

Home Department Report.

(*Read by* MRS. PLETCHER.)

During the early part of the year, and some since, I have sent letters and cards to every nook and corner of the Synodical Society (and beyond, until I think every Auxiliary that has not a Home Department wish you would appoint another Secretary, and so do I.

A well organized Department at Rising City, we are glad to report, with Mrs. H. C. Stafford as its able superintendent.. We bespeak it much success. Rising City led in the "One Woman Campaign," having made their appointment before the suggestion was given.

Just learned of a new Home Department, thanks for co-operation. Trust the membership campaign may bring great result—God give the increase.

We recommend that by the request of Mrs. Thrall, Home Department Secretary, that each society appoint two to make a house to house canvass for new members and report immediately to the Home Department Secretary. The results will be published in Woman's Work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. FRED. FREDERICKSON.

The Thank Offering Secretary being absent, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, General Thank Offering Secretary, addressed the convention.

Report of Mission Band Secretary.

I have written letters or done personal work in all congregations where there were any prospects for a Mission Band. Only one new Band was organized during the year, this being at Kuntze Memorial Church, Omaha, on Sept. 13, 1913, with thirteen members. Mrs. F. H. Baden, Superintendent.

There are promises of the reorganization of several Bands in the near future. Our prayer is for leaders willing to take charge of this important work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. H. YERIAN.

Report of the Magazine Secretary.

Your Magazine Secretary would submit the following report:

During the past year four appeals were made to the Societies and to those congregations in which there is no society, in the interest of our splendid Magazine. Have written eighty-six letters and fifty postal cards. Am glad to report a substantial increase in the number of subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work, but feel that still more could have been accomplished. According to the reports received, the Magazine is coming into 247 Nebraska homes.

While I am glad also to report that, in general, societies were quite prompt in reporting the number of renewals and subscriptions, there are some who neglected to do so altogether. For this reason, the figures which I am able to give you are only approximate. We are greatly pleased for the twenty-five new subscriptions reported from the three new societies, South Omaha, Hardy, and Allen.

As your Magazine Secretary, I would urge the observance of the week beginning November 16 as a general campaign week, and that we make a regular, systematic, house-to-house canvass, not once in every two or three years, but every year.

In returning to you the trust which you have committed to me, I take this opportunity to thank all who have so kindly given their time and interest to advance this important work of our Missionary Society. May the coming year be more successful in this wide field of service—already white unto the harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. STAFFORD.

On motion, it was decided to pack a box at this convention for a pastor, upon whom the committee should agree, and the President was instructed to appoint a committee of three to have charge of the box packing. The President appointed Miss Lydia Bender, Mrs. H. C. Heckt and Mrs M. E. Bollinger.

Report of Western Conference Superintendent.

The condition of the Churches situated in the Western Conference are such that they are not yet ready for a Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FRED THOMPSON.

Report of Conference Superintendents.

South Platte.—The Secretary of the South Platte Conference is

glad to report the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society at Hardy. Respectfully submitted,

MISS MAUDE MARTIN.

North Platte.—Work in North Platte Conference progresses rapidly. We report four new societies. One Woman's Society at South Omaha, organized on Jan. 16, by Mrs. Yerian, with eight members, now thirteen, also with thirteen Woman's Work.

One at Allen, Rev. Livers, pastor, as a result from Conference meeting in April with Miss Matie Martin presiding. Organized with eight members, now eleven, and eight Woman's Work.

During the year the Mission Band of Kuntz Memorial reorganized as a Young Ladies' Missionary Society, and on Sept. 13 Mrs. Baden organized a Mission Band with thirteen members, in 1913. (Lucky number.)

In July Mrs. Swihart's class, of Omaha Grace Lutheran Church, formed an E. V. Day Study Class of thirteen members. This organization is yet in its infancy. During the year your superintendent has written to seven pastorates, had telephone communications with five, and made two personal calls on prospective fields.

The call now is for consecrated women as leaders, as several new societies might be organized had these leaders been available.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET.

Letters were then read from the following: From Mrs. Kate B. Schaffer, General Secretary, by the Secretary; from Mrs. Ida Janet Hartman, General President, by Mrs. Pletcher; from Dr. Mary Baer, by Mrs. Baltzly.

Greetings were then given from all the pastors present.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, our Treasurer, is unable to be present with us;

Resolved, 1, That we send her our regrets for this, in appreciation of her long and faithful service and pray God to restore her to perfect health.

Resolved, 2, That a letter be sent her by our Secretary, conveying these regrets.

Resolved, 3, Our thanks be extended to Mr. Neiswanger for the services he extended to us this morning in the reading of the Treasurer's report.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Lewis.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention reassembled at 2 p. m. The devotional service was led by Mrs. Bollinger.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll call.

The report of the Thank Offering Secretary was read by Miss Bender and was referred to the proper committee.

Your committee beg to submit the following report:

As requested by the officers of the Synodical Society, I sent out cards to every auxiliary Young People's Society and Mission Band, calling attention to the time for our Annual Thank-offering, and urged all to have an interesting program and express the blessings of the year by generous giving. My report is very incomplete as only four auxiliaries, one Young People's Society, and three Mission Bands reported. Those responding were Rising City, North Platte, Yutan, South Omaha and Lincoln. We hope the Secretaries and Treasurer will show a good report with better results.

While we recognize every effort along this line of work and appreciate the existing conditions in the different societies and congregations, we would suggest that we aim to cultivate a more active, generous and devotional spirit as shown by our Rising City Society. We are grateful to them for their inspiration and example. Their offerings amounted to $56.30. Other societies may have done as well, but it was not so reported to your committee.

I would suggest that all societies be urged to co-operate with this committee so that by another year the report may be complete with interesting facts and figures.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. J. ALBRIGHT.

Report of Young People's Secretary.

Your Young People's Secretary has a small report to make for the past year. The work was not taken up until the latter part of March and since that time have written fifteen letters relative to the work.

We have a new Young Peoples' Society at Kountze Memorial and a "Circle" at Grace Church, Omaha. These organizations the result of Mrs. Van Fleet's work and we thank her for her co-operation and kindly assistance in the work.

We urge that this department receive special attention this coming year and ask the co-operation and assistance of the woman's socie-

ties in getting the missionary intelligence and enthusiasm into the Young People's work.

One woman with the true missionary spirit and enthusiasm can do more to get the missionary spirit into her congregation than any number of letters, no matter how forceful they may be written.

To those societies strong enough we present the "Front Rank" work to keep you busy and maintain your interest. Study carefully the requirements and then enroll with the "Front Rank Societies."

To the weaker societies we give you Melinda Rankin's message: "The word 'discouragement' is not found in the dictionary of the kingdom of heaven. Never let yourself use the word if you have God's work to do." May you, too, become "Front Rank" recruits.

Your Secretary will have a goodly supply of literature on hand, at all times. Do not hesitate to write if you are overlooked.

"To know the facts of modern missions is the *necessary* condition of intelligent interest."

Respectfully submitted,

MARY JOHNSON.

The report of the Delegate to the General Convention, Miss Matie Martin, was then presented.

Report of Delegate to General Convention.

When we begin to recount the proceedings of the Eighteenth Biennial Convention, preparatory to making a report, how vividly the whole convention again passes before us, and how our enthusiasm is rekindled when we recall the stirring words of our leaders and how our hearts are again reconsecrated to the work before us when we think of the love and sacrifice of those who represent us at the front in the home and foreign field. We do not know what other general conventions have been in comparison with this one but, personally, I am holding the opinion that this was the greatest yet held. What a pleasure we had in beholding the faces of workers, whose names have been so long familiar to us, but whose faces we had never seen! When one's name and work are so familiar to us our minds form a picture of that individual and how interesting to finally come to the time when we can know whether our mind-picture was much amiss! With myself it was not unlike meeting well-known friends instead of strangers. Nebraska was well represented, there being three from our Synod.

Mrs. Van Fleet and Miss Johnson will both bring echoes from the convention. Their part and the convention number of the Lutheran Woman's Work being before with its full account of the proceedings, makes me feel that what I shall bring you will be

something you are already familiar with; but for your kindness in making it possible for me to have the pleasure of being in attendance, I shall strive to do my best for you. We had the great pleasure of taking our meals with thirty other delegates at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Albert Bell. This fellowship about the board offers many opportunities to discuss and solve problems arising in our work. Not all the workers, in the East, by any means, understand the situation in the West. With their large societies they cannot understand the discouragements that come when only two or three are gathered together. One missionary society in a town where I visited had a membership of more than a hundred.

The preliminary business session of the convention opened Saturday afternoon, May 31st, with the President, Mrs. Larkin, in the chair. Those who have met Mrs. Larkin will agree with me that a meeting at which she presides could hardly be other than successful. Hers is a presence which is felt. Under her sweet gentle way, yet strong, we could feel that we, too, were growing strong for our work. At the close of this first meeting knew that this convention was sure to be a remarkable one. Held in the historic city of York, with its eleven Lutheran churches, all strong in membership and working material, it could hardly be an ordinary convention. Saturday evening, the president gave her address, which I hope all have read. If any have not do so and those who have do so again. Throughout her address she emphasizes the need of a clearer sense of duty. "In the life of Christ duty was the compelling force and we find the same great principle dominant in the life of Paul." She says, "We cannot govern our lives by our loves, for a great deal of our life's work lies among the unlovely and the unloved. That life will stay forever out of the larger fields of action which does not perceive that some other motive must dominate it than merely the motive of responding to that which makes emotional appeal to it. The one suffering and adequate law of life is not, what do I want to do, but what ought I to do; not what appeals to me but is God appealing to me to do? If we would discover the loftiest and noblest thing in life, we shall find it where our Lord found it. 'I must work the works of Him that sent me.'" She closed her address with this verse:

"The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds both great and small
Are close knit strands of an unbroken thread
Where love ennobles all."

Before the close of the evening's program Mrs. Gardener called the missionaries to the platform while the audience arose in a body.

The foreign missionaries present were Dr. Mary Baer and Miss Anna Sanford and Rev. J. W. Ball of the home field. Sunday morning found us in Sunday School at Christ's Lutheran Church to see what a beehive Sunday School was like. We concluded it was well named. The attendance was 663 and the offering $38.75. The Holy Communion was administered to the members of the convention after the sermon by Rev. G. W. Enders. In the afternoon we attended the mass meeting in Union Lutheran Church, Rev. Streck, pastor, at which time Miss Sanford and Dr. Baer addressed us. Both held the large audience by the story of their work and the customs of the people of India. In the evening the several churches in York were supplied with speakers sent out two by two from the members of convention. We attended St. Luke's and listened to Mrs. R. H. Hay and Mrs. Wiles. Mrs. Hay used as her subject "A Cluster of American Beauties." She made a strong plea for the need of the young for the Master. Mrs. Wiles spoke on the "Possibilities for Missionary Work." Monday morning and every morning and afternoon following came the rare pleasure of listening to Mrs. H. C. Bell in the devotional services of the convention. Mrs. Bell is most capable in this work and her capability aided by a charming personality served to make these parts of the convention very helpful. Her thoughts, throughout, were chosen from the Book of Acts and I was glad to see that they were printed, in part, in the September number of the Woman's Work. Let me urge you especially to read these lessons. How glad we are for our magazine which brings the convention with all its good things to those who could not attend! The reports of the General Officers all showed progress, steady substantial growth. The Corresponding Secretary reported 1,193 societies, including Woman's, Young People's and Mission Bands. Total membership, 40,436; Woman's Societies, 24,325; Young People's, 6,120; and Bands, 9,991. There are 3,770 in the cradle roll—2,507 life members, 836 home department. The Treasurer reported an increase of $8,403.58 over last biennium, $3,261.11 General Fund and $5,120.62 thank offering. Grand total of receipts for biennium, $145,776.00. The amount of cash remaining in the respective banking institutions is $29,904.55. Home Mission payroll amounted to $39,879.00. Appropriations to Foreign Missions amounted to $64,500.00

I would urge that every member read carefully the report of the General Executive Committee in the August number of Lutheran Woman's Work. This report will mean much to you because you have a vital interest in the work. Mrs. Shaffer says in the opening of her report: "To the outsider a report has no meaning; its facts and figures are cold and barren, its subject-matter lifeless and its appeal finds no response; but where there is vital interest, every

figure stands out as a personal equation, every fact sparkles and teems with life, and every appeal stirs the life-blood until with new force it tingles and courses through the veins.

A pleasant feature of Monday's program was a banquet held in Zion Lutheran Church at which about 400 people were entertained. The evening meeting was held in this church, at which time Miss Anna Sanford spoke on the "Opportunities in India." Miss Alice Nickols in the costume of the women of Palestine, accompanied by a shepherd, in costume of that land, spoke on the subject "In the Land of Our Lord." Both addresses were of a nature to be very interesting. Miss Sanford spoke of the dark side of life in India, with its 330,000,000 of idols. The work of the departments was well presented by their secretaries. Secretary of Young People's Department, Mrs. Hay, put that department before the convention in quite an original way. We will have a reproduction of it in Miss Johnson's echo from York.

Mrs. Seibach presented the interest of the Children's Department, with the help of several Band leaders.

Reports of the Home and Foreign Box-Work Committees showed activity in that line of our work, Eastern Pennsylvania alone reaching a value in these donations of $2,375.00. Foreign Boxes reached a value of $2,829.00.

The time when the greetings of the Board of Foreign Missions were presented by Dr. Wolf is one that stirs one, as it is recalled. A plea was made for the convention to come to the assistance of Dr. Kugler, who, realizing the need of a maternity ward in connection with the hospital, asked permission to collect the money for this work from the people of India. So stirring was the appeal that one woman started with $100.00 and so it grew, in amounts from $10.00 to $500.00 until in about one-half hour nearly $4,000.00 of the $5,000.00 was pledged. You all know what your delegate did, but it was not without much consultation with the other Nebraska representatives. I desire to express my thanks to you for your words in which you assured me that you approve the action taken by your delegate in pledging $50.00 to this most worthy cause.

Just before this object was presented, Mrs. P. A. Heilman announced that Dr. Baer was putting $500.00 of her $700.00 salary into her work at Chiralu, for the restoration of her arm. After such a sacrifice as this we felt that $50.00 from our Synod was a small amount. To meet this amount I would suggest that each member make a payment of 20 cents and that the same be in the hands of the Treasurer this calendar year. We notice that the building is in the process of construction and the sooner the amount is in the better it will be. Dr. Wolf urged that the amount be in in six months

but convention set the time at one year. I am glad to note that many societies have their amount ready, or a way of securing it provided.

When the full amount was in sight the convention sang, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." This was the second occasion for the singing of the Doxology, the other being the announcement of Dr. Baer's gift.

The warmest debate of the convention up to this time was brought about in amending the constitution concerning the dues of members. Several of the speakers declared emphatically that to fix a 10-cent rate would be fatal to many of the societies, which now have a 5-cent rate. Others were equally positive that the rate could be fixed at 10 cents without detriment and cited instances of societies which had gained by so doing. After discussion pro and con the amendment stands as you find it in Article III, Auxiliary Constitutions: "The dues from each society to General Fund shall average 10 cents per month per member." Another amendment which caused much argument, Article VI, Section 1: "The General President shall not be eligible to re-election." As the article concerning election now stands a President serves one biennium and next biennium becomes First Vice President.

One feature of the convention was the Paper Party, which you must have noted in the convention number of the Magazine in honor of which the party was given. About forty persons, representing the various departments of Lutheran Woman's Work, constituted the cast. Advertise and renew your subscription was the slogan. "Subscribe" was the title of a vocal selection which afforded considerable amusement. The words of the first verse were "Subscribe" to the tune of Auld Lang Syne and the second verse "Renew."

Dr. Mary Griscom spoke briefly upon our hospital and the work of Dr. Kugler in Guntur. She has recently returned from a tour of medical missions around the world, including our hispital in Guntur. Immediately after the close of Wednesday afternoon's meeting Dr. Wolf dispatched a cablegram to Dr. Kugler, the $5000.00 having been subscribed. The message read as follows: "Kugler, Guntur, India. Convention pledged $5,000.00. Wolf." We can, in a measure, imagine the joy that came to Dr. Kugler upon the receipt of this cablegram. The convention "struck a snag" as the city papers of York put it, when Dr. Ender read what he termed the "Love Letter" from General Synod. For awhile feeling ran high but I will not dwell upon that part of it. You perhaps have read the "Love Letter" and noted the action taken by convention in passing the resolution relating to the same.

A touching moment came when the convention bid farewell to

Miss Sanford, who was leaving in a few days for another seven years in India. The convention sang "God Be with You Till We Meet Again." After a farewell kiss from Mrs. Larkin, Miss Sanford made a hasty exit to hide her tears, while handkerchiefs were at the eyes of nearly all in the room.

A call was sounded for a fortieth anniversary chest fund in 1919 with an aim of $50,000.00 for new work. There were 230 registered delegates. The convention met in York twenty-eight years before and when the President called for all those who were present at that time to arise, twenty stood.

The subject for our October meeting, being a review of the Biennial Report, let me suggest that some of these stirring addresses and earnest pleas be read and discussed for we are sure they contain much that will serve to strengthen missionary activity in the societies. Thanking you again for your kindness in sending me as your delegate, I am, yours, Respectfully submitted,

MATIE MARTIN.

Echoes from York were brought to the Convention by Mrs. Van Fleet, who spoke of the churches and social life of York, and by Miss Mary Johnson, who spoke of the Young People's Department.

Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., D. D., President of Midland College, then addressed the Convention on "Christian Education."

The young people's hour was conducted by Miss Johnson, who gave a demonstration entitled "How Not to Do it."

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Peery.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional led by Mrs. Baltzly.

Minutes read and approved, followed by roll call.

Letters from Mrs. Beegle and Mrs. Neiswanger were read.

The report of the Literature Committee was read and referred to the committee.

Report of the Literature Committee.

Your Committee on Literature would report that during this year tracts and literature have been sent regularly to the subscribers and

quite frequently to the congregations where they have no societies, hoping to inspire and create enthusiasm. The sales this year do not total quite as large an amount as some other years; this is not an indication of lack of interest in our work as a number of our societies have ordered directly from General Committee.

The financial statement for this is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$ 42
Literature sold	4 80
One pin	65
Beatrice, for tracts	50
Lincoln, for tracts	50
Omaha, for tracts, Kountze Memorial	50
North Platte, for tracts	50
Roca, for tracts	50
Yutan, for tracts	1 00
Dakota City, for tracts	1 00
Total	$10 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

Literature sold	$ 6 93
Postage	1 40
Express on literature	37
Balance on hand	2 67
Total	$10 37

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

The Auditing Committee then made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Auditing Committee.

We the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books submit the following:

We have very carefully examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers and find them to be correct. We commend our Treasurer for the neat and accurate way in which her books are kept.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET.
MRS. C. E. SPARKS.

The Committee on Report of Delegate to the General Convention presented the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of Delegate of the General Convention.

Your Committee on Report of Delegate to the General Convention submit the following:

The report of our delegate was read and listened to with much pleasure. Many, I presume, have read the report in our Woman's Work, yet this does not bring to us the enthusiasm with which the work was carried on as did the excellent report of our delegate.

How glad we are to have some one bring the Convention with all its good things to those who could not attend. Throughout the report we find the word duty emphasized. Duty was the compelling force in the life of Christ, also dominant in the life of Paul.

We commend our delegate in the pledge she made to the Maternity Block in India, and join with her in urging you (if you have not done so) to read carefully the report of General Committees in our Woman's Work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. H. PLETCHER.
MRS. H. C. HECKT.

Adopted.

The Committees on Corresponding Secretary's Report, Resolutions, and Conference Superintendents, read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Your Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report would report that we have carefully gone over the report of our Corresponding Secretary and recognize the faithful work done by her. We find that the number of active members has decreased thirty-one over last year.

This is to be regretted. We note that there has been an increase in the number of copies of the Woman's Work taken; and also that the number of copies of the Lutheran Boys and Girls has increased from 168 to 649.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. E. BOLLINGER.
MRS. C. E. GOULD.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His blessing upon the work of the past year, and with a deep sense of responsibility for

our portion of the work of the Kingdom in the coming year, we submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge with gratitude God's continued blessing upon the work of our synodical society, and also upon each auxiliary in its own particular field; and unite our hearts in thankfulness to Him for what has been accomplished; especially for the increase both in receipts and in the number of societies.

2. *Resolved*, That this Convention hereby express its hearty appreciation of the efficient and faithful work of our President, Miss Matie Martin, and also of all the other officers and committees who have given earnest and faithful effort to the advancement of the work.

3. *Resolved*, That the most hearty welcome of the Nebraska Synodical Society be hereby extended to the five new societies organized this year, namely, the Woman's Societies of Hardy, Allen and South Omaha, the E. V. Day Study Class of Grace Church, Omaha, and the Mission Band of Kountze Memorial, Omaha; also that we commend the change of the former Mission Band of Kountze Memorial to a Young People's Society, since the members had grown to the proper age for such a change.

4. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the letters written to this Convention by Mrs. J. F. Hartman, Dr. Mary Baer, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Mrs. Helen C. Beegle and Mrs. Neiswanger, and that the Secretary be instructed to write them each a little note to that effect.

5. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge with gratitude the pleasure and inspiration received from Dr. Peery's address, "When the Gospel Comes Back," the greetings from visiting pastors, the warning sounded in the amusing exhibition of "What Not to Do," the remedies for evils all too common prescribed in the clinic, the vigorous and inspiring messages of Dr. Yarger, Rev. Seibert and Dr. Ludden; the Mission Band demonstration and to all others who added to the interest and profit of the program.

6. *Resolved*, That, realizing the value of the literature prepared by our General Literature Committee, we put forth every possible effort to extend its use, and have it read by the members and friends of our home societies. Also, that we put forth special effort to increase the subscriptions to our most excellent magazine, and to have it read faithfully by all our Lutheran women.

7. *Resolved*, That we recommend the daily use of the Thank-Offering Box as the best possible manner of showing, in a tangible way, our gratitude to God for His boundless mercies to us, Christian women in a Christian land; and furthermore, that we go back to our respective societies and use all our influence to promote this constant use of the Thank-Offering Boxes.

8. *Resolved*, That our most sincere and hearty thanks be hereby expressed to the local pastor and his people for their cordial hospitality and kindly care of us; and to the Congregational Church for the use of their auditorium; also to the soloists, the quartette and the choir for the ministry of song, and to all who have helped to make our stay delightful as well as profitable.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. D. BLATZLY.
MRS. F. S. EMMONS.

Report of Committee on Conference Superintendents Reports.

The reports of our Conference Superintendents indicate much zealous work in their respective fields. The Superintendent of North Platte Conference reports four new societies, South Platte one.

While the time is not ripe in the Western Conference, the future is full of hope and promise.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. H. YERIAN,
MRS. E. H. ALLEN,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Box Work was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Box Work.

(Presented by REV. KOSER.)

We have little to report in our department. The box sent at our last Convention, to Rev. E. H. Combs, of El Paso, Tex., was received and thankfully acknowledged.

I have not received reports of any boxes sent during the year, by societies or individuals, save one valued at $14.00, sent to India, by the Mission Band, at Rising City.

As I was about to communicate with the respective societies preparatory to packing a box at this Convention, it became apparent that I would not be present; I then sent the names of those suggested as worthy to receive such box, to the President of our Synodical Society, requesting the appointment of some one to fill my place. I trust that the work has been carried forward, and that some home will be made happy as a result.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. A. KOSER.

The Committee on Claims then made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted and bills allowed:

Your Committee on Claims has examined the following list, and recommended that they be allowed:

Mrs. Yerian	$ 1 00
Mrs. Neiswanger	10 39
Mrs. Stafford	4 09
Mrs. J. A. Koser	3 45
Miss Matie Martin	16 60
Miss Bender	2 85
Total	$38 38

Respectfully submitted,

MARY JOHNSON.
MAUDE MARTIN.

Report of Committee on Historian's Report read and adopted.

We recommend that a Historian be appointed in every auxiliary society and that she correspond with the Synodical Historian.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA BENDER,
MRS EARL WALLACE.

The report of the Secretary of the Annuity Plan, Mrs. Badger, was presented by Mrs. Mostert.

The Annuity Plan.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. The great difficulty lies in the fact that so often there is but little to give, and it is made necessary that the Christian use discretion and business methods in her giving.

The annuity plan of the Woman's Societies is business and benevolence combined. A plan has been formulated whereby the blessing of giving can be made a double privilege—that of receiving as well.

It has long been conceded that the wise way is to arrange one's personal affairs before his decease, that he may have the satisfaction of seeing and knowing that his savings are placed where they will do the good he desired them to do. This explains the combined business and benevolent method of the annuity plan.

The society receives gifts of $100.00 and upwards and binds itself

by a bond to pay the donors a fair rate of interest on these gifts, as long as they live. Interests are payable semi-annually during the life of the giver, at rates from 4 per cent to 7 per cent according to the age and need of the donor.

For those who need an income during life and desire the principal to go toward the Master's work after their death, there is no form of investment better than this one. There are no court expenses, taxes or administrator's fees connected with the annuity bond. The money is invested by an incorporated body of Christian women who relieve the annuitant of all the burden of looking after investments, preventing losses, changing of securities, etc., and freeing the timid woman, who cannot battle with the wiles of the financial world, from all financial care and worry.

The annuity bond is the safest, simplest and most useful investment possible. The safest, because the money is invested by those who have it as a sacred trust for the Master; the simplest because there is no care needed on the part of the annuitant; the most useful because twice annually, in January and in July, the income goes to the donor as surely and as positively as though the money were being checked from the bank.

We appeal to the women of our Lutheran Church to keep this business plan before them, both for their own best good, if there is a small or great sum of money to be put out at interest, and as a bit of absolutely safe information to give to friends who have money to invest.

Your Secretary will be pleased to advise with you further in this plan if you so desire.

Sincerely,

MRS. R. M. BADGER.

Beatrice, Nebr.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Miss Matie Martin.
Vice President—Mrs. M. E. Bollinger.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. C. Stafford.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.
Treasurer—Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.

Reports of several auxiliary societies were heard, the delegates telling what they were doing to awaken interest.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., gave a splendid message in regard to the box packing.

Motion passed that a box be packed for Rev. Wiegman, Hastings, Neb.

The prayer service for our missionaries at home and abroad, in charge of Mrs. Pletcher, was indeed impressive.

Adjourned with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Praise service, led by Mrs. Livers.

Minutes read and approved.

The report of Committee on President's Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee wish to express the pleasure and inspiration they felt in reading the President's address, and wish to commend her work, and the action taken at York in pledging $50.00 for the Nebraska Synodical Society toward the Maternity Block of the Guntur Hospital.

Her setting forth of the fact that the doors of opportunity for Mission work, both at home and abroad, have never swung so wide, and the failure to garner a ripened harvest means a loss of all that God has already invested in that harvest, should stir us to immediate and energetic action.

Her emphasis on the fact that God has put in our hands the power of prayer, the means through which all things can be accomplished, suggests the place to begin in carrying out the various lines of work.

We therefore wish to emphasize the following recommendations, based on her address:

1st. That in view of the prevailing evils, we recognize the need of *living* our religion and standing as never before, for those principles we desire to see prevail in our national life.

2nd. That a committee of three shall be named for each Conference, to do the work of Conference Superintendents.

3rd. That Delegates do all in their power to promote the constant use of the thank-offering boxes, and the use of the thank-offering literature in November.

4th. That, since it is a fact that "The child is our greatest asset and hope," we remember to lay upon the hearts of our women the great need of leaders for Children's Bands. Also, that we seek to

save for the cause of Missions, the efforts and enthusiasm of our young women, so much which is being lost to the church.

5th. That we make Home Mission Week, November 17-21, a time for gaining new subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work.

Lastly, that we go back to our respective societies with enthusiasm sufficient to be really helpful and inspiring to those who could not be here.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. D. BALTZLY.
MRS. F. C. JACKSON.

The Committee on Letters and Papers then presented the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers would report that the following have been placed in our hands:

1. A letter from Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer, Secretary of the Executive Committee, sends greetings and best wishes—full of helpful and encouraging commendations for the splendid efforts put forth and work accomplished. She urges that an Annuity Secretary be appointed as per action of the York Convention, and your Committee suggests that this be done at this Convention.

2. A letter from Mrs. Hartman full of encouragement and hope, yet she calls attention to the need of women to consecrate themselves to our great work, and also to the need of workers in our India and Africa fields. She asks at this Convention, we beseech the throne of the Almighty that He might send forth laborers into His harvest. The Committee suggests that we take Matt. 18:19, and John 4.

3. A most interesting letter from Dr. Mary Baer expressing her regret that she could not be with us in person, but she gave us a very complete picture of our work in India. She asks that we pray with word and pocketbook, and to pray for the work and workers.

4. We have greetings from Mrs. Neiswanger, expressing her regret that she could not be with us.

5. We also have greetings from Mrs. Helen C. Beegle. She expresses her prayerful interest in our Convention, and her abiding interest in the program of the Nebraska Synodical Society. She says she would be pleased to learn of our plans in the field of work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. PLETCHER.
MISS EMMA MUSSER.

A paper on "What We Owe to our Splendid Magazine, *Lutheran Woman's Work*," was read by our Magazine Secretary, Mrs. Stafford.

Greetings from the Board of Church Extension were then presented by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary.

Rev. John F. Seibert, manager of the Chicago branch of the Lutheran Publication Society, then addressed the Convention.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., spoke again concerning the box packing.

On motion, the Convention voted $10 to Dr. Peery toward his expenses.

On motion, the $10 brought by Dr. Cromer from the ladies of South Auburn was to be applied as the Executive Committee deemed best.

The Mission Band Hour conducted by Mrs. Yerian was greatly appreciated.

The box packing service was in charge of Miss Bender.

The Committee on Department Secretaries then presented their report, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Department Secretaries' Report.

Your Committee on Department Secretaries submits the following:

We have examined the report of the Magazine Secretary, and commend her work during the year. We approve her suggestion for a regular house-to-house canvass for subscriptions.

We also approve the suggestion of the Home Department Secretary, of a house-to-house canvass for members.

Would also highly commend the work of the Thank-Offering Secretary for her untiring efforts in this work.

We note with pleasure the faithful performance of her duties of the Mission Band Secretary, particularly in her present work, and rejoice over the organization of one new Band. Thirteen seems to be a lucky number this year for our nation. Our President's birth occurred on the thirteenth day, was elected President of the United States on the thirteenth, and has thirteen letters in his name. This disproves the old idea of unlucky thirteen.

It behooves us to hasten and organize this lucky year, and thus follow the example of Mrs. Van Fleet. The Young People's Secre-

tary has been active and prayerful in urging that this Committee provide some means, so more will be done during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.
MRS. G. L. NIEBUHR.

The Committee on Literature and Box Work reported and report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Box Work.

Your Committee on Box Work would submit the following:

In a letter from Mrs. J. A. Koser she reports having heard from Rev. E. H. Combs, thanking the society very kindly for the box received at our last Convention. A box was sent during the year, to India, by the Mission Band at Rising, valued at $14.00.

Preparation is being made at this time to send a box to Rev. Wiegmann, pastor of our church at Hastings, Nebr.

We would recommend that our society come prepared to pack a box at the next Convention, and that the Box Work Committee make such plans early in the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. W. LIVERS.
MRS. M. E. GANO.

The President then appointed the Department Secretaries and Conference Superintendents and Committees, as follows:

Literature—Miss Maude Martin.

Box Work—Miss Lydia Bender.

Thank Offering—Mrs. Pletcher.

Young People's Department—Miss Mary Johnson.

Mission Band—Mrs. Yerian.

Magazine—Mrs. Stafford.

Home Department—Mrs. Frederickson.

Annuity—Mrs. Badger.

South Platte Conference Committee—Miss Maude Martin, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Bollinger.

North Platte Conference Committee—Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Heckt.

The Committee on Box Packing then reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Box Packing.

The following contributions were made in cash for the box sent to Rev. Fred Wiegmann, Hastings, Nebr. The Committee purchasing most of the articles for the box according to their best judgment:

Mrs. Neiswanger	$ 5 00
Davenport	2 00
Hardy	2 00
Ponca	50
Kountze Memorial, Young Ladies	3 00
Kountze Memorial, Woman's	5 00
Mrs. Baltzly	5 00
Kountze (P. V. Society)	2 00
North Platte	3 00
Miss Bender	1 00
Lincoln	2 50
Roca	1 00
Rising City	5 00
West Point	3 00
Allen	1 50
Total	$41 50

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LYDIA A. BENDER.
MRS. M. E. BOLINGER.
MRS. H. C. HECKT.

The Thirty-third Annual Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. E. Bolinger.

MRS. H. C. STAFFORD,
Recording Secretary.

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